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## Executive summary

This report provides a summary of the site management and data produced in 2010 by two UK air quality monitoring networks:

1. Automatic hydrocarbon network
2. Non-automatic hydrocarbon network

These networks measure benzene, 1,3-butadiene and ozone precursor substances at sites across the UK.

The report includes an introduction to the networks, the history of monitoring and the reasons for monitoring these pollutants. Section 2 provides detailed information on the sites currently operating and recent changes to the sites. In section 3 and Appendix 1 summary data is presented and analysed, including a review of the long-term trends and a description of issues that have affected data capture or data quality. The report also includes a summary of the quality assurance and quality control procedures in sections 2 and 4 and an update on future changes in section 5.

The mean data capture for benzene measured by the non-automatic hydrocarbon network in 2010 was 92%. The annual mean across all measurement sites in the UK was  $0.92 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . The mean data capture for benzene measured by the automatic hydrocarbon network in 2010 was 77%. The annual mean across all measurement sites in the UK was  $0.73 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . The overall data capture for benzene reported to the European Commission will be 90%.

In 2010 none of the monitoring sites in the UK exceeded the Limit Value for benzene set out in Directive 2008/50/EC. All sites measured an annual mean that was less than the Lower Assessment Threshold.

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# 1 Introduction

This report provides a summary of the site management and data produced in 2010 by two UK air quality monitoring networks:

1. Automatic hydrocarbon network
2. Non-automatic hydrocarbon network

The automatic hydrocarbon network was managed by AEA throughout 2010. There was a change in contractor for the non-automatic hydrocarbon network at the start of July 2010. From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June, the network was managed and data ratified by the National Physical Laboratory (NPL). From 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December, the network was managed and data ratified by AEA.

All hydrocarbon network instruments are collocated at AURN (Automatic Urban and Rural Network) sites. These have all been assessed with respect to the macroscale and microscale siting criteria in the Directive. The initial assessment indicates that all of the hydrocarbon network sites comply with the Directive, with the exception of Bury Roadside and Bristol Old Market. Both sites are believed to be too close to major road junctions to be representative of the local area, and additionally, the Bury Roadside site is too far from the carriageway to be a 'traffic' site. At the time of writing this report, a full assessment of the sites against the criteria in Directive 2008/50/EC is underway and the results will be available later in 2011.

The number of and location of sites in these networks are based upon a preliminary assessment against the sampling requirements in Annex V of the Directive, undertaken in 2006.

The information and data presented in this report are correct at the time of publication, however, it is possible that data may be rescaled or deleted from the dataset if future audits and calibrations identify a need to change the data. Latest data can always be accessed at <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/>.

## 1.1 Pollutant Sources and Impacts

According to the UK Air Quality Strategy<sup>1</sup> benzene has a variety of sources, but primarily arises from domestic and industrial combustion and road transport. It is a recognised human carcinogen that attacks the genetic material and, as such, no absolutely safe level can be specified in ambient air. Studies in workers exposed to high levels have shown an excessive risk of leukaemia.

1,3-butadiene is emitted from combustion of petrol. Motor vehicles and other machinery are the dominant sources, but it is also emitted from some processes, such as production of synthetic rubber for tyres. 1,3-butadiene is also a recognised genotoxic human carcinogen, as such, no absolutely safe level can be specified in ambient air. The health effect of most concern is the induction of cancer of the lymphoid system and blood-forming tissues, lymphoma and leukaemia.

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<sup>1</sup> The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (Volume 1), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in partnership with the Scottish Executive, Welsh Assembly Government and Department of the Environment Northern Ireland, July 2007

## 1.2 Network background and methods

The Non-Automatic and Automatic Hydrocarbon Networks exist within the framework of Defra's Atmosphere and Local Environment Programme. This aims to determine the magnitude of sources and effects of air pollutants on human health and the environment, and to comply with national and EU legislation.

### 1.2.1 Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

The Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network started operation in 2001, measuring benzene and 1,3-butadiene. It currently produces measurements as fortnightly averages at 36 sites. The network was reviewed in 2007 and 1,3-butadiene monitoring was discontinued due to the very low concentrations measured.

The benzene monitoring method involves pumping ambient air at a rate nominally 10 ml/min alternately through two tubes containing a sorbent (Carbopack X). The tubes are then sent to the laboratory for subsequent analysis of their benzene content. The exposure period and flow rate is important such that enough benzene is captured onto the sorbent to enable fully quantifiable analysis, but not too much that there is breakthrough of the sample. This dual sample tube controlled flow pump unit uses a method described in EN 14662:2005, 'Ambient air quality – Standard method for measurement of benzene concentrations' by Martin et al, and validated by Quincey et al.

### 1.2.2 Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

Automatic gas chromatography is used to measure hourly hydrocarbon concentrations. During 2010, hydrocarbons at all sites except Glasgow were measured using automatic Perkin Elmer gas chromatographs. A known volume of air is dried and drawn through the cold trap, which contains adsorbent material. The cold trap is held at about -30°C to ensure that all the ozone precursor target analytes are retained. The analyser is calibrated using an on-site multi-component gas mixture. Following a 40 minute period of sampling, components are desorbed from the cold trap and are transferred to the capillary column where they are separated using gas-chromatography.

At Glasgow measurements of 1,3-butadiene, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes were made using an Environnement VOC71M analyser. This sampled ambient air continuously using two traps. One desorption tube samples while the other is desorbed and analysed. The hydrocarbons were measured using gas chromatography coupled with a photo-ionisation detector.

Automatic hourly measurements of speciated hydrocarbons, made using advanced automatic gas chromatography, started in the UK in 1991. By 1995, monitoring had expanded considerably with the formation of a 13-site dedicated network measuring 26 species continuously at urban, industrial and rural locations. Over the following years, the number of sites was reduced. In 2010 there were five sites, measuring some or all of the following species by automatic gas chromatographs:

**Table 1 Species measured by the Automatic chromatographs.**

| <b>Pollutant</b>       | <b>Pollutant</b>      | <b>Pollutant</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1,2,3-trimethylbenzene | ethane                | n-heptane        |
| 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene | ethene                | n-hexane         |
| 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene | ethylbenzene          | n-octane         |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | ethyne (acetylene)    | n-pentane        |
| 1-butene               | iso-butane (I-butane) | o-xylene         |
| 1-pentene              | iso-octane            | propane          |
| 2-methylpentane        | iso-pentane           | propene          |
| 3-methylpentane        | isoprene              | toluene          |
| benzene                | m+p-xylene            | trans-2-butene   |
| cis-2-butene           | methylpentane         | trans-2-pentene  |
| cis-2-pentene          | n-butane              |                  |

## 1.3 Regulatory background

### 1.3.1 UK Air Quality Objectives

The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, (July 2007) sets out the UK Air Quality Objectives for benzene and 1,3-butadiene:

**Table 2 UK Air Quality Objectives.**

| Pollutant     | Applicable to           | Concentration              | Measured As         | To be achieved by |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Benzene       | All authorities         | 16.25 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ | Running annual mean | 31 December 2003  |
|               | England and Wales Only  | 5.00 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  | Annual mean         | 31 December 2010  |
|               | Scotland and N. Ireland | 3.25 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  | Running annual mean | 31 December 2010  |
| 1,3-Butadiene | All authorities         | 2.25 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  | Running annual mean | 31 December 2003  |

### 1.3.2 European Limit Value

Hydrocarbons are also governed by Directive 2008/E50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008, on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (the Directive). The Directive sets a limit value for annual mean benzene concentrations across the UK.

**Table 3 European Limit Value and Assessment Thresholds**

| Threshold                  | Concentration            | Measured as |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Limit Value                | 5 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$   | Annual mean |
| Upper assessment threshold | 3.5 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ | Annual mean |
| Lower assessment threshold | 2 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$   | Annual mean |

The limit value for the protection of human health for benzene is 5  $\mu\text{g/m}^3$  as a calendar year mean, to be achieved by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. The determination of requirements for assessment of concentrations of benzene in ambient air is between 3.5  $\mu\text{g/m}^3$  (70% of limit value) and 2  $\mu\text{g/m}^3$  (40% of limit value) as upper and lower assessment threshold respectively.

The Data Quality Objective for the measurement uncertainty is  $\pm 25\%$  with a minimum data capture of 90%. The minimum time coverage is 35% (distributed over the year) for urban background and traffic sites and 90% for industrial sites.

Annex X of the Directive lists 31 other Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) which are ozone precursors and which are recommended to be measured in urban or suburban areas to support the understanding of ozone formation. With the exception of formaldehyde and total non-methane hydrocarbons, these VOCs are all measured by the automatic hydrocarbon network and are listed in section 1. Neither data quality objectives nor limit values are given for measurement of these species, however, Defra have specified that all other VOC compounds have a minimum data capture target of 50%.



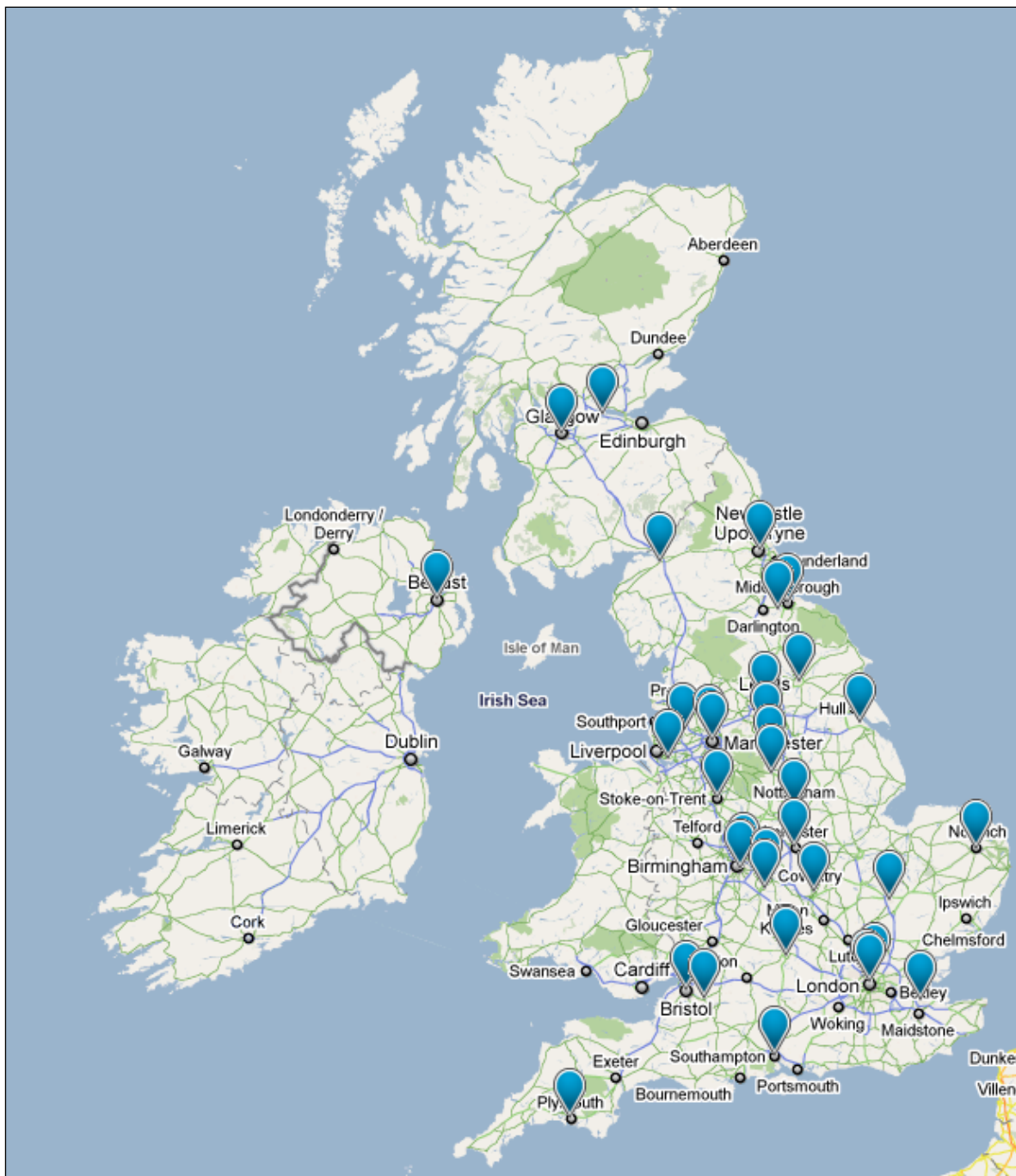
## 2 Site Management

### 2.1 Network sites during 2010

#### 2.1.1 Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

The sites in the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network are shown in Figure 1. Table 4 lists the sites and the Local Site Operators.

Figure 1 Map of Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network sites in 2010



**Table 4 Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network sites in 2010.**

| Site                            | Classification   | Zone                          | Grid Ref Easting / Northing | Local Site Operator            |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Barnsley Gawber                 | Urban Background | Yorkshire & Humberside        | 432529, 407472              | Barnsley Council               |
| Bath Roadside                   | Urban Traffic    | South West                    | 375882, 166096              | Bath & North Somerset Council  |
| Belfast Centre                  | Urban Background | Belfast Urban Area            | 333900, 374400              | Belfast City Council           |
| Birmingham Tyburn               | Urban Background | West Midlands Urban Area      | 411561, 290431              | Birmingham City Council        |
| Birmingham Tyburn Roadside      | Urban Traffic    | West Midlands Urban Area      | 411556, 290456              | AECOM                          |
| Birmingham Roadside 2           | Urban Traffic    | West Midlands Urban Area      | 408824, 284570              | Birmingham City Council        |
| Bristol Old Market              | Urban Traffic    | Bristol Urban Area            | 359570, 173173              | Bristol City Council           |
| Bury Roadside                   | Urban Traffic    | Greater Manchester Urban Area | 380922, 404772              | Bury Metropolitan Council      |
| Cambridge Roadside              | Urban Traffic    | Eastern                       | 545248, 258155              | Cambridge Council              |
| Camden Kerbside                 | Urban Traffic    | Greater London Urban Area     | 526640, 184433              | KCL / AEA                      |
| Carlisle Caldewgate             | Urban Traffic    | North West & Merseyside       | 339442, 555956              | Carlisle Council               |
| Chatham Centre Roadside         | Urban Traffic    | South East                    | 577435, 166993              | Medway Council                 |
| Chesterfield                    | Urban Background | East Midlands                 | 436351, 370682              | Chesterfield Council           |
| Coventry Memorial Park          | Urban Background | Coventry/Bedworth             | 432801, 277340              | Coventry City Council          |
| Glasgow Kerbside                | Urban Traffic    | Glasgow Urban Area            | 258708, 665200              | AEA                            |
| Grangemouth                     | Urban Industrial | Central Scotland              | 293837, 681035              | Falkirk Council                |
| Haringey Roadside               | Urban Traffic    | Greater London Urban Area     | 533885, 190669              | KCL                            |
| Leamington Spa                  | Urban Background | West Midlands                 | 431932, 265743              | Warwick District Council       |
| Leeds Centre                    | Urban Background | West Yorkshire Urban Area     | 429976, 434268              | Leeds City Council             |
| Leicester Centre                | Urban Background | Leicester Urban Area          | 458767, 304083              | Leicester City Council         |
| Liverpool Speke                 | Urban Background | Liverpool Urban Area          | 343860, 383598              | Fabermaunsell/AECOM            |
| London Bloomsbury               | Urban Background | Greater London Urban Area     | 530107, 182041              | Bureau Veritas / AEA           |
| Manchester Picadilly            | Urban Background | Greater Manchester Urban Area | 384310, 398325              | Manchester City Council        |
| Middlesbrough                   | Urban Background | Teesside Urban Area           | 450480, 519632              | Middlesbrough BC               |
| Newcastle Centre                | Urban Background | Tyneside                      | 425016, 564940              | Newcastle City Council         |
| Northampton                     | Urban Background | East Midlands                 | 476111, 264524              | Northampton BC                 |
| Norwich Lakenfields             | Urban Background | Eastern                       | 623637, 306940              | Mark Leach                     |
| Nottingham Centre               | Urban Background | Nottingham Urban Area         | 457420, 340050              | Nottingham City Council        |
| Oxford Centre                   | Urban Traffic    | South East                    | 451366, 206152              | Oxford City Council            |
| Oxford St Ebbes                 | Urban Background | South East                    | 451225, 206009              | Oxford City Council            |
| Plymouth Centre                 | Urban Background | South West                    | 247742, 54610               | Plymouth City Council          |
| Sheffield Centre                | Urban Background | Sheffield Urban Area          | 435134, 386885              | Sheffield City Council         |
| Southampton Centre              | Urban Background | Southampton Urban Area        | 442565, 112255              | Southampton City Council       |
| Stockton-on-Tees - Eaglescliffe | Urban Traffic    | North East                    | 441620, 513673              | Stockton on Tees BC            |
| Stoke-on-Trent Centre           | Urban Background | The Potteries                 | 388348, 347894              | City of Stoke on Trent Council |
| Wigan Centre                    | Urban Background | North West & Merseyside       | 357825, 406025              | Wigan Metropolitan BC          |
| York Fishergate                 | Urban Traffic    | Yorkshire & Humberside        | 460744, 451033              | City of York Council           |

As part of an ongoing investigation, there is also a pumped sampler operating at Marylebone Road since 2007. The pumped sampler is not part of the Non-Automatic Network.

Further details on the sites can be found on the UK Automatic Urban and Rural Network Site Information Archive at <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/>

## 2.1.2 Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

The sites in the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Map of Automatic Network sites in 2010



**Table 5 Automatic Hydrocarbon Network sites in 2010.**

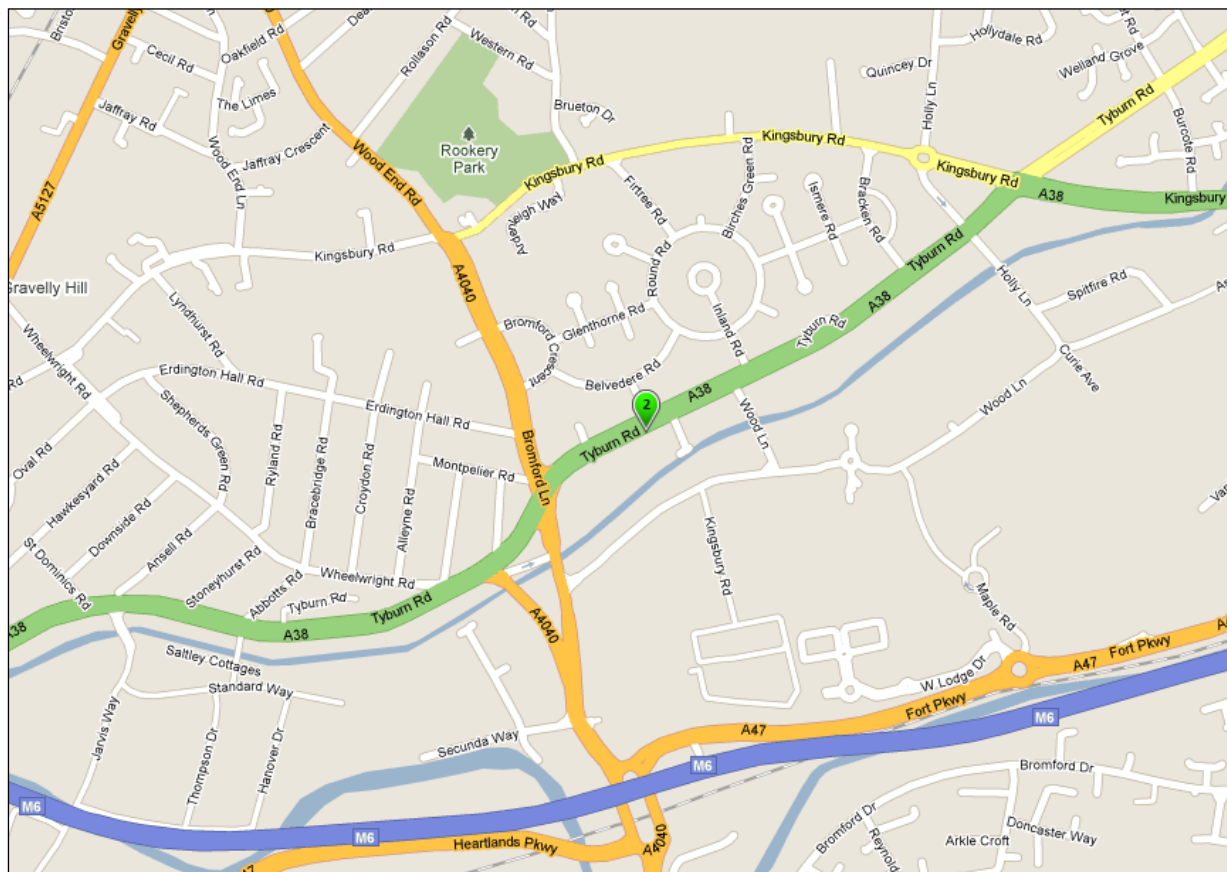
| <b>Site</b>      | <b>Classification</b> | <b>Zone</b>               | <b>Grid Ref Easting / Northing</b> | <b>Local Site Operator</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Glasgow          | Urban Traffic         | Scotland                  | 258708, 665200                     | Glasgow City Council/AEA   |
| Harwell          | Rural Background      | South West                | 446772, 186020                     | AEA                        |
| Marylebone Road  | Urban Traffic         | Greater London Urban Area | 528120, 182000                     | KCL                        |
| Auchencorth Moss | Rural Background      | Scotland                  | 322050, 656250                     | CEH                        |
| London Eltham    | Urban Background      | Greater London Urban Area | 543978, 174668                     | Greenwich Borough Council  |

## 2.2 Changes to the Networks in 2010

### 2.2.1 Birmingham Roadside

In order to ensure the security and continuity of the network sites, in August 2010 the Non Automatic Hydrocarbon Network benzene sampler was moved from Birmingham Roadside 2 to Birmingham Tyburn Roadside, which is an Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) site. The Birmingham Tyburn site was moved to a new site in Acocks Green on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for the same reason.

Figure 3 Photograph and Location of Birmingham Tyburn Roadside, map images courtesy of Google.



### **2.2.2 Glasgow Kerbside**

A non automatic benzene pump box was installed at Glasgow Kerbside in August 2010, to replace the automatic analyser. The two analysers were operated side by side from August until the end of December 2010, when the automatic analyser was switched off and removed from the site. A comparison of the results from these two collocated analysers is shown in Section 4.

### **2.2.3 Chatham Roadside**

Killingholme ceased operation in 2010 and the sampler was moved to Chatham Roadside in March 2010.

### **2.2.4 London Eltham**

A non automatic benzene pump box was installed at London Eltham in December 2010. This will operate alongside the automatic analyser throughout 2011 and the intercomparison results will be reported in the 2011 Annual Report.

## **2.3 Equipment Maintenance and Audits**

All sites are visited by field engineers on a 6 monthly basis to calibrate the sampling flows and carry out routine maintenance of the equipment. The purpose of the audit and maintenance visits are to:

- Carry out a flow calibration using a low flow BIOS instrument
- Ensure no blockages or leaks in the system
- Clean or replace dirty filters and inspect/replace the inlet
- Replace o-rings and leak test all connections
- Carry out electrical Portable Appliance Testing (annually)
- Review the site infrastructure and surroundings
- Review health and safety risks at the site
- Change automatic GC cold trap and clean the gas generators and detectors
- Carry out a gas calibration for the automatic analysers
- Replace or refurbish non automatic sampler pumps

Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network benzene samplers were audited between January and April 2010. An intermediate check was carried out during July and August, and the second round of full audits and calibrations took place during October and November 2010. The schedule and results of these visits can be seen in Appendix 1. AEA received UKAS accreditation for the low flow measurement in March 2011. The measurement has not changed from the method used in 2010. The calibration data from these audits have been used to rescale the benzene concentrations during the ratification process. A copy of the certificate of accredited measurements is available in Appendix 2.

## 3 Data and data capture for 2010

### 3.1 Comparison with Limit Values and Objectives

The annual average concentration of benzene and butadiene over the calendar year 2010 is given in Table 6 and Table 7, alongside the data capture statistics. Data capture for sites where measurements started or finished during the year are calculated for the period that the equipment was operational.

Annual average concentrations at all sites were below the Limit Value of 5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for benzene set by the European Ambient Air Quality Directive.

#### 3.1.1 Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

Table 6 Benzene Statistics

| Site                       | Annual Mean Benzene (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Maximum Fortnightly Mean Benzene (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Data capture (%) |
|----------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Barnsley Gawber            | 0.66                                     | 1.47  | 89               |
| Bath Roadside              | 1.40                                     | 2.54  | 91               |
| Belfast Centre             | 0.76                                     | 2.47  | 96               |
| Birmingham Tyburn          | 0.81                                     | 1.92  | 90               |
| Birmingham Roadside 2      | 1.28 <sup>NB</sup>                       | 2.70  | 91 <sup>†</sup>  |
| Birmingham Tyburn Roadside | 1.03 <sup>NB</sup>                       | 1.73  | 88*              |
| Bloomsbury                 | 0.81                                     | 2.02  | 80               |
| Bristol Old Market         | 1.18                                     | 2.63  | 98               |
| Bury Roadside              | 0.90                                     | 2.15  | 98               |
| Cambridge Roadside         | 0.83                                     | 1.89  | 95               |
| Camden Kerbside            | 1.46 <sup>NB</sup>                       | 2.70  | 49               |
| Carlisle Caldewgate        | 1.09                                     | 2.05  | 93               |
| Chatham Roadside           | 0.97                                     | 1.57  | 90               |
| Chesterfield Roadside      | 0.87                                     | 1.62  | 88               |
| Coventry Memorial Park     | 0.56                                     | 1.63  | 88               |
| Eaglescliffe – Yarm        | 0.69                                     | 1.66  | 90               |
| Glasgow Kerbside           | 1.17 <sup>NB</sup>                       | 2.58  | 100 <sup>#</sup> |
| Grangemouth                | 1.42                                     | 3.52  | 91               |
| Haringey Roadside          | 1.13                                     | 2.00  | 85               |
| Killingholme               | 1.61 <sup>NB</sup>                       | 2.93  | 100 <sup>α</sup> |
| Leamington Spa             | 0.71                                     | 1.38  | 88               |
| Leeds Centre               | 0.71                                     | 1.37  | 92               |
| Leicester Centre           | 0.78                                     | 1.49  | 96               |
| Liverpool Speke            | 0.92                                     | 2.50  | 94               |
| Manchester Piccadilly      | 0.86                                     | 2.20  | 98               |
| Middlesbrough              | 1.19                                     | 2.44  | 94               |
| Newcastle                  | 0.59                                     | 1.50  | 99               |
| Northampton                | 0.56                                     | 1.46  | 99               |
| Norwich – Lakenfields      | 0.64                                     | 1.53  | 100              |
| Nottingham Centre          | 0.83                                     | 2.02  | 94               |

|                    |      |      |    |
|--------------------|------|------|----|
| Oxford Centre      | 0.74 | 1.43 | 98 |
| Oxford St Ebbes    | 0.59 | 1.42 | 82 |
| Plymouth Centre    | 0.66 | 1.30 | 91 |
| Sheffield Centre   | 0.71 | 1.87 | 99 |
| Southampton        | 0.86 | 1.69 | 96 |
| Stoke Centre       | 1.02 | 1.89 | 93 |
| Wigan Centre       | 0.77 | 1.72 | 93 |
| York Fishergate RS | 0.97 | 2.01 | 81 |

<sup>NB</sup> Data capture <75% of the year

\* Monitoring started 01/09/2010

† Monitoring finished 19/08/2010

# Monitoring started 18/08/2010

<sup>α</sup> Monitoring finished 17/03/2010

Due to a short gap between the contracts of the two network managers, all sites except Norwich Lakenfields had a very short period of time at the end of June and start of July when they were not sampling. In most cases this was limited to a few days.

During 2010, the following site faults and failures were recorded:

### **Camden Kerbside**

Between July and December, the sampler at Camden worked only when 'the tubes rested on the top of the tubing, but not when pushed down fully' according to the LSO data recording sheet. The inlet was blocked and the tubes were therefore sampling from inside the sampling enclosure for the period. The data for this period has not been reported. The fault has since been rectified.

### **Coventry Memorial Park**

Coventry Memorial Park flow measurements were too low at the audit on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The site was revisited and a new sampler was installed on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### **Barnsley Gawber**

Barnsley Gawber - On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010, it was reported that there had been a flood to the changing rooms, due to a burst pipe. The sampler was switched off as a safety precaution for a short period.

### **Bloomsbury**

At the London Bloomsbury audit 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010, AEA measured low flow from the sample excess flow and the pump diaphragm was replaced. However, the sampler continued to provide inconsistent data and the site was revisited on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 when the inlet tubing was found to be partially blocked. The blockage was removed and the sampler continued to work as normal.

### **Birmingham Tyburn and Birmingham Roadside 2**

The Birmingham Tyburn and Birmingham Roadside 2 sites were not restarted until much later than other sites in July. The Birmingham Tyburn site had an electrical safety issue and the Birmingham Roadside 2 sampler was not accessible due to hazardous waste blocking the entrance.



### Glasgow Kerbside

The Glasgow pump box was installed at the Glasgow Kerbside site on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### Oxford St Ebbes

The Oxford St Ebbes health light stopped flashing during the first week of running the network. The sample flow was very low. A field engineer was sent out to install a new pump, which did not rectify the fault. A second engineer visited the site on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 for a routine audit to find the inlet tubing was blocked. The blockage was removed and the flow returned to normal.

### York Fishergate

The flow adjustment potentiometer could not be adjusted at York Fishergate on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This fault did not affect data capture or data quality.

## 3.1.1 Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

Table 7 Benzene and 1,3-butadiene Statistics

| Site             | Pollutant     | Annual Mean ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Maximum ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Data capture | Data quality code |
|------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Glasgow          | Benzene       | 1.03                                     | 12.1                                 | 96%          | A                 |
|                  | 1,3-Butadiene | 0.08                                     | 3.91                                 | 96%          | A                 |
| Harwell          | Benzene       | 0.50                                     | 3.21                                 | 65%          | B                 |
|                  | 1,3-Butadiene | 0.11                                     | 0.40                                 | 51%          | B                 |
| Marylebone Road  | Benzene       | 1.23                                     | 13.0                                 | 67%          | B                 |
|                  | 1,3-Butadiene | 0.38                                     | 10.7                                 | 71%          | B                 |
| Auchencorth Moss | Benzene       | 0.31                                     | 3.31                                 | 77%          | A                 |
|                  | 1,3-Butadiene | 0.03                                     | 0.34                                 | 28%          | A                 |
| London Eltham    | Benzene       | 0.57                                     | 7.36                                 | 80%          | A                 |
|                  | 1,3-Butadiene | 0.08                                     | 1.50                                 | 80%          | A                 |

Annual Mean concentrations for all measured hydrocarbons at all sites are given in Appendix 3.

Data quality codes are used to assign a level of confidence in the hydrocarbon data. In general ratified hourly data have an uncertainty (at 95% confidence) of  $\pm 10\%$  for values above  $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and  $\pm 0.05 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for values below  $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . These data are termed “good quality” and the data quality code is A.

In some cases, because of instruments problems, data cannot be described as “good” quality, but the data might still be of use to modellers and is therefore included in the dataset. These data are termed “acceptable” quality data and have an uncertainty (at 95% confidence) of  $\pm 25\%$  for values above  $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  and  $\pm 0.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for values below  $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The data quality code for acceptable data is B.

Data that does not meet either the “good” or “acceptable” criteria is deleted during ratification.

## Harwell

There is an ongoing issue at the Harwell site, where a collocated Condensation Particle Counter, which uses butanol, causes contamination of the benzene, 1,3-butadiene and 1-butene peaks in the GC. This was particularly evident from April to October 2010, and many of the chromatographs could not resolve the co-eluting peaks. It resulted in significant data loss during this period. An investigation into this issue and possible solutions is underway in 2011.

## Marylebone Road

There were two key faults which affected the data at Marylebone Road during 2010. In March, significant data were deleted during ratification due to poor chromatography following a service. In May and June a hydrogen generator fault caused further data loss. These issues have both been rectified.

## Auchencorth Moss

At Auchencorth Moss there are ongoing issues with data loss due to the very low ambient levels of hydrocarbons, which are often below the limit of detection. During 2010, measurements which were below the limit of detection for any species were not reported and this has had an impact on the data capture. However, from 2011 and in accordance with the European Standard<sup>2</sup> measurements below the limit of detection will be reported as a concentration equal to half of the detection limit. This will improve data capture in future years.

Furthermore, at Auchencorth Moss, the analyser suffered a detector fault in April and a hydrogen generator fault in October.

## London Eltham

There were three separate faults with the analyser at Eltham during 2010. In January some data were lost due to a hydrogen generator fault. In June, the analyser suffered a detector breakdown and the sample pump failed in October. All issues were rectified promptly but overall 20% data was lost during the year.

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<sup>2</sup> EN14662-3:2005 Ambient Air Quality Standard method for the measurements of benzene concentrations – Part 3: Automated pumped sampling with in-situ gas chromatography

## 3.2 Concentration Trends

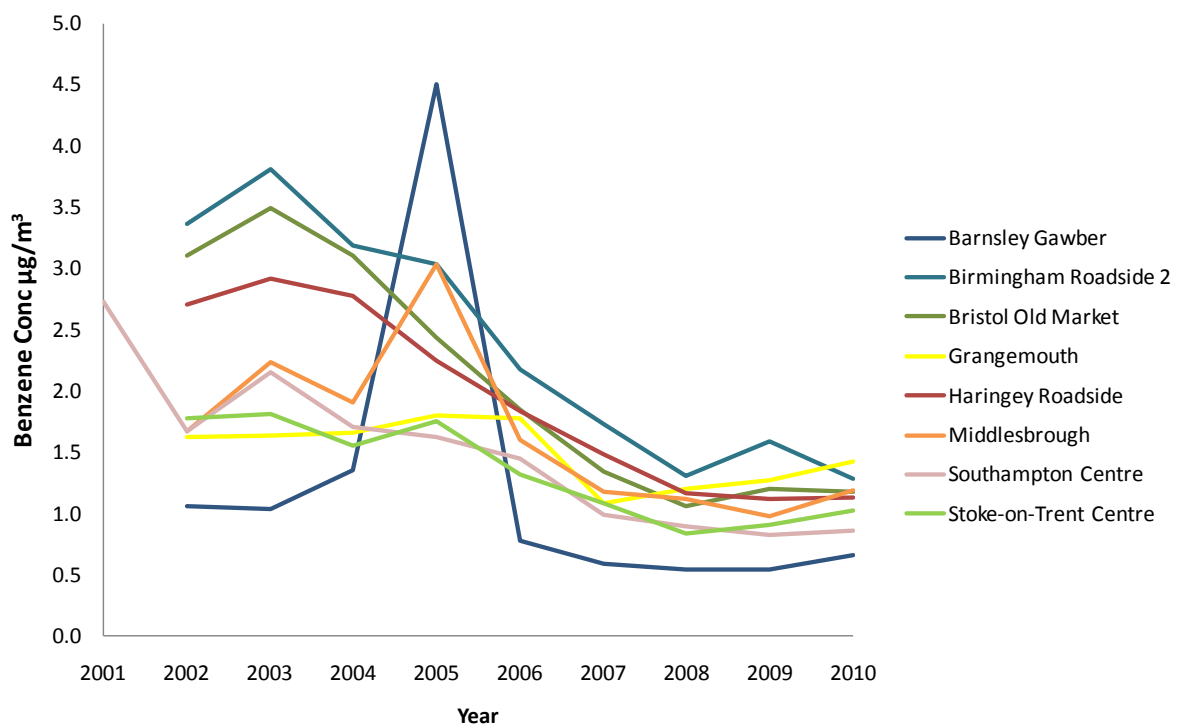
### 3.2.1 Trends in 2010

Time series graphs for benzene and 1,3 butadiene are available in Appendix 4. The majority of Traffic Urban and Background Urban sites show a distinct trend with benzene concentrations highest in the winter months, and lowest around July to September. At Urban and Rural sites there tends to be a pattern of seasonal variation with higher levels during the winter when dispersion is generally poorer and photochemical removal is at a minimum. This trend is less evident at Industrial sites including Middlesbrough and Grangemouth, where the emissions from the industry are significant.

### 3.2.2 Long Term Trends

Figures 4 to 5 show annual mean benzene concentrations at long running sites from the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Concentrations have dropped significantly since the start of this network in 2002, but appear to be levelling out over the past couple of years.

Figure 4 Long term Non-Automatic benzene trends – higher concentration sites



**Figure 5 Long term Non-Automatic benzene trends – lower concentration sites**

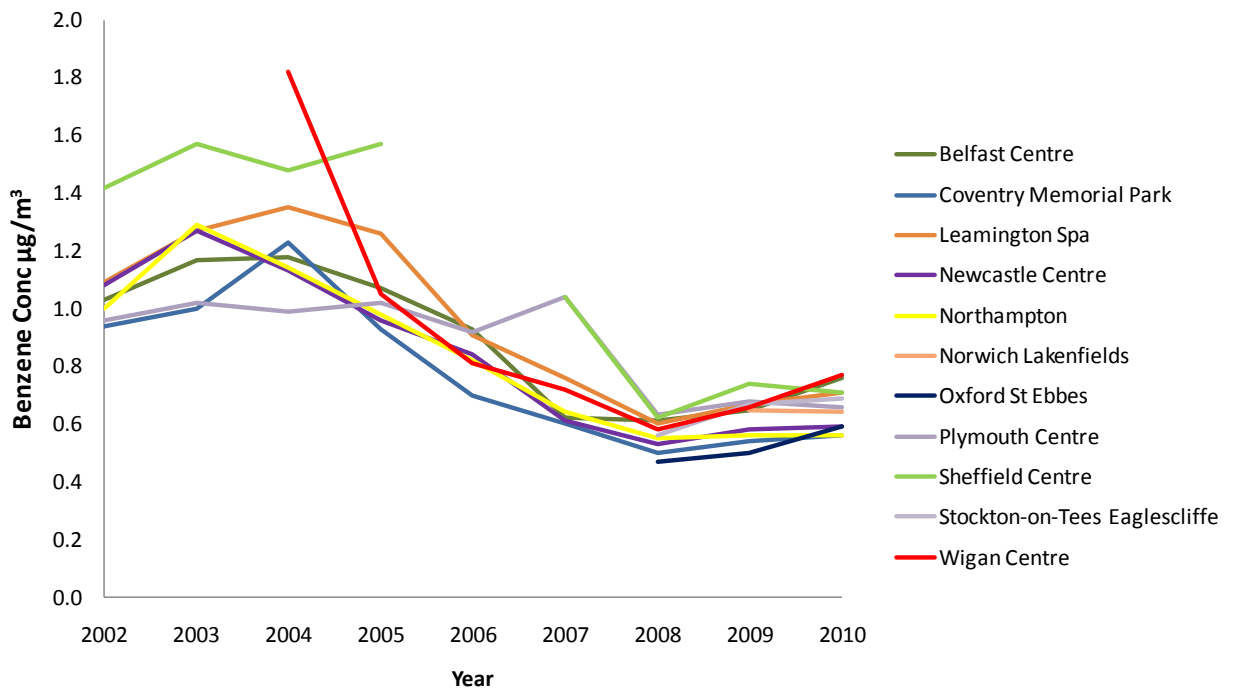
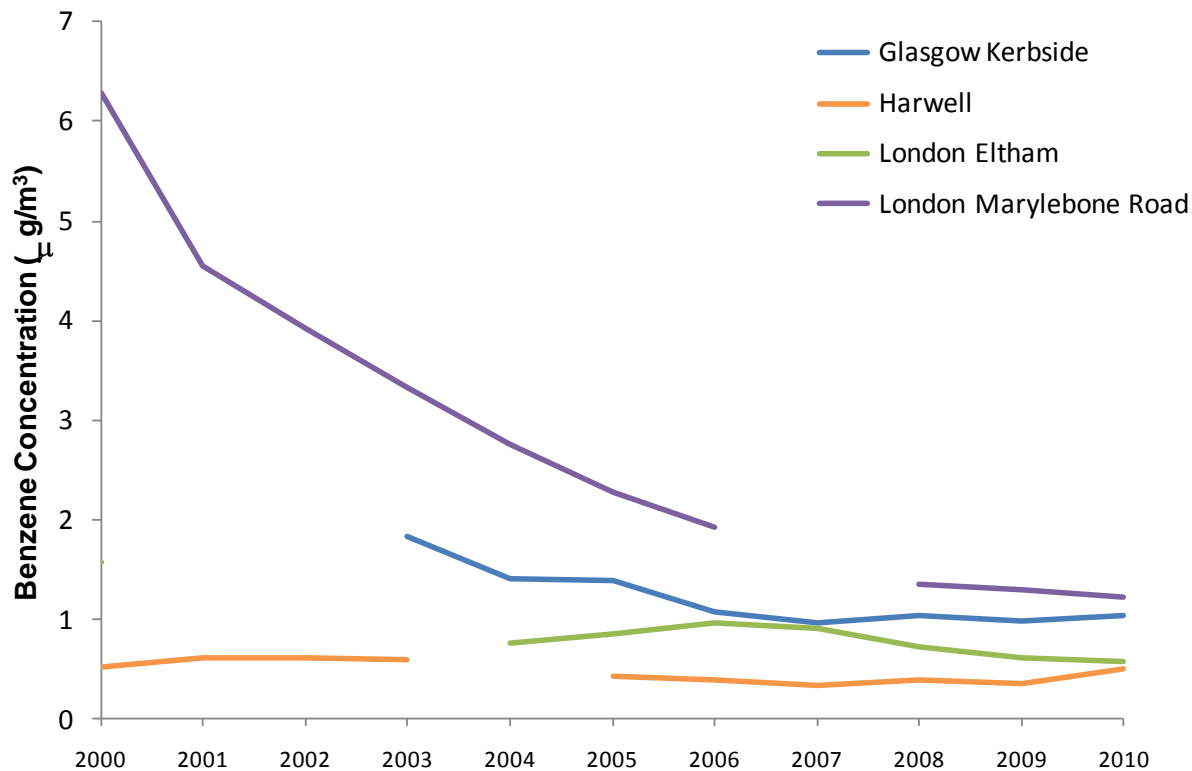


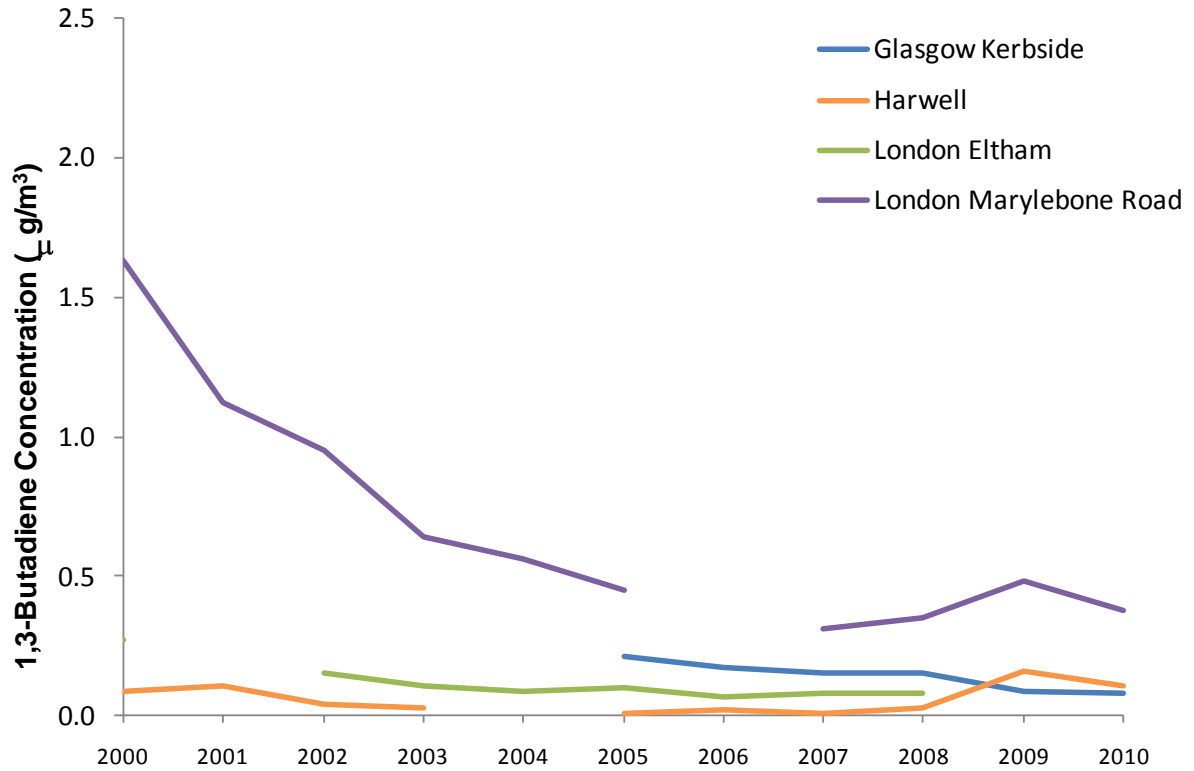
Figure 6 and Figure 7 show the long-term trends of the annual mean concentrations of benzene and 1,3-butadiene at the four sites with long running datasets within the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Note that in 2010 annual mean benzene concentrations for Harwell and Marylebone Road are based on 65% and 67% data capture respectively. In other years no data are included where the data capture in the year was less than 75%.

Figure 6 Long term Automatic benzene trends



Note that in 2010 annual mean 1,3 butadiene concentrations for Harwell and Marylebone Road are based on 51% and 71% data capture respectively. In other years no data are included where the data capture in the year was less than 75%.

**Figure 7 Long term Automatic 1,3-butadiene trends**



## 4 Data Quality

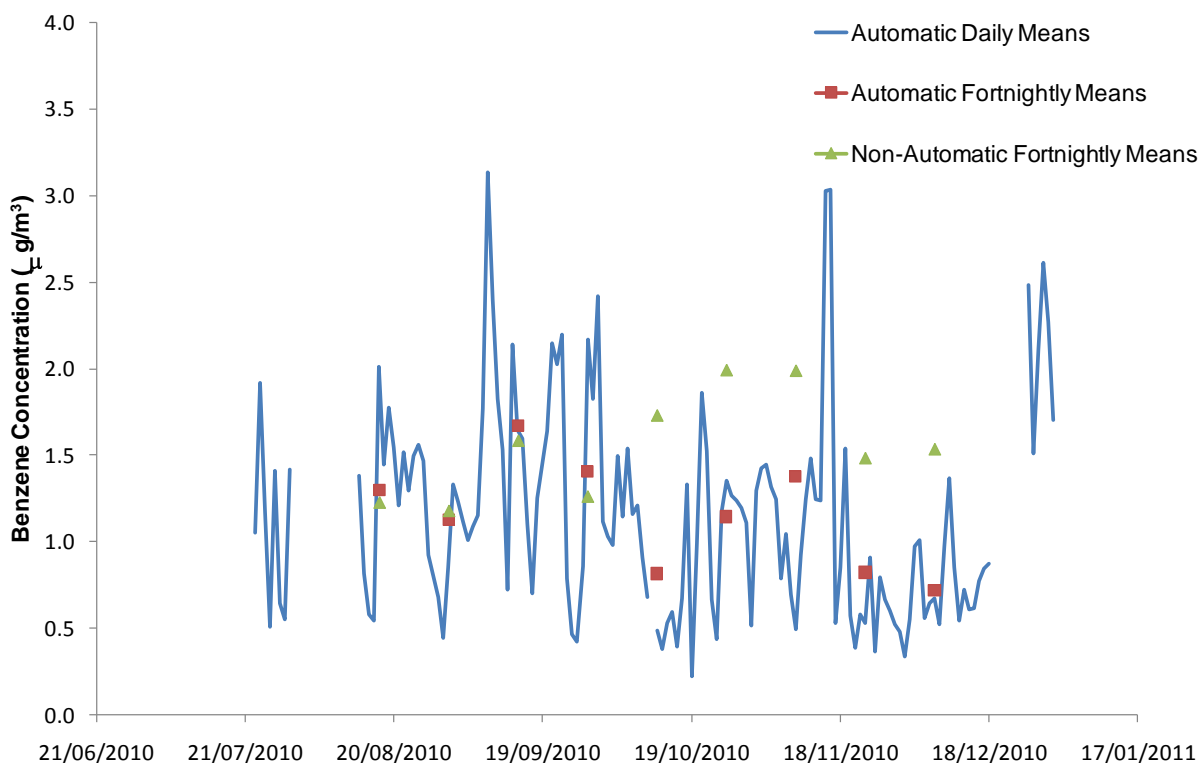
### 4.1 Intercomparisons

In 2010 there were two sites at which Non-Automatic samplers and Automatic analysers were collocated. These sites were Marylebone Road and Glasgow Kerbside. Comparing data from collocated samplers is a good way to validate the data. Comparisons from these two sites are shown below.

#### 4.1.1 Marylebone Road

Data is available from the two collocated samplers at Marylebone Road in 2010. Figure 8 shows the daily mean concentrations from the automatic analyser and a fortnightly mean which has been calculated from the daily means (only where data capture >75%). These automatic fortnightly means correspond to the dates of sampling with the non-automatic benzene samplers, so the data may be directly compared.

**Figure 8 Comparison of collocated samplers at Marylebone Road**



Within the uncertainty of the measurements (see Section 4.2) it can be seen that the two measurement methods agree well with each other for a period during August and September 2010. However, from October until the end of the year the non-automatic sampler measured significantly higher benzene concentrations than the automatic analyser at the site. This is very similar to the results seen in previous years. Investigations are ongoing, but it is believed to be linked to high levels of butanol inside the Marylebone Road site. Butanol co-elutes with the benzene peak in the chromatograph. In the ambient sample, the butanol and

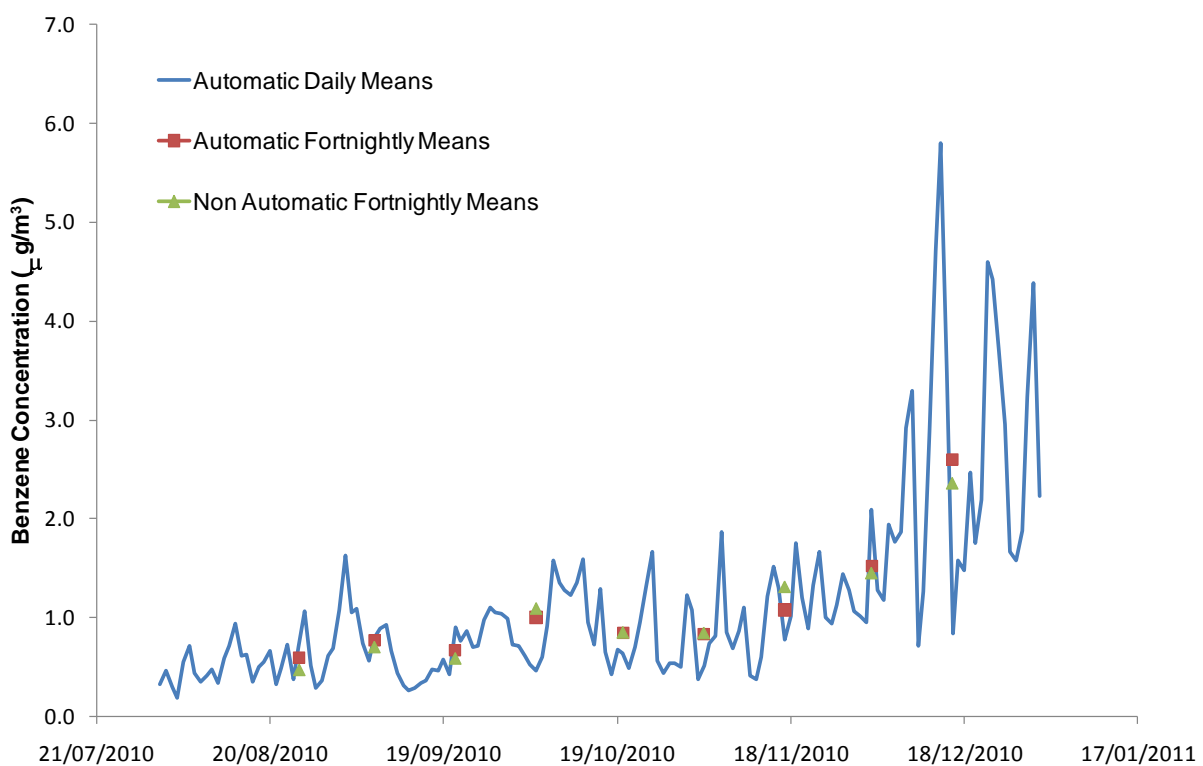
benzene peaks in the chromatograph are usually well enough resolved that they can be separated, but in some cases the peaks cannot be resolved in the calibration peak, which leads to an under-estimation of the ambient benzene.

This theory has not yet been proven but AEA is currently undertaking a study at the Harwell site which will investigate the butanol contamination more thoroughly.

#### 4.1.2 Glasgow Kerbside

Data from the collocated samplers at Glasgow Kerbside during the last six months of the year have been compared in a similar way and are presented in Figure 9

**Figure 9 Comparison of collocated samplers at Glasgow Kerbside**



Within the uncertainty of the measurements it can be seen that the two measurement methods agree well with each other for the entire period that the two samplers were collocated in 2010. It should be noted that the measurement methods at Glasgow and Marylebone Road are not entirely identical due to the difference in automatic analyser; however there is also no butanol present at the Glasgow Kerbside site, which supports the theory that this is the reason for the disagreement at Marylebone Road.



## 4.2 Estimation of Uncertainty

Calculated uncertainty for the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network from January to June inclusive, for benzene is 12%, expressed at a level of confidence of 95%. This includes NPL's field audits and analysis uncertainty.

Calculated uncertainty for the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network from July to December inclusive, for benzene is 15%, expressed at a level of confidence of 95%. This includes contributions from AEA's flow measurements, desorption efficiency and analysis uncertainty.

All data from the network therefore meet the 2008/50/EC Directive Data Quality Objective for the measurement uncertainty of  $\pm 25\%$ .

The uncertainty estimation for the automatic analyser includes a number of components and a full uncertainty budget is currently under development.

## 4.3 Standard Methods

European Standard EN14662-3:2005 is the Ambient Air Quality Standard method for the measurements of benzene concentrations – Part 3: Automated pumped sampling with in-situ gas chromatography. This Standard is for the determination of benzene in ambient air for the purpose of comparing measurement results with annual mean limit values. It describes guidelines for measurements with automated gas chromatographs, between 0 and 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Measurements undertaken by the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network are carried out in accordance with this Standard.

European Standard EN14662-1:2005 is the Ambient Air Quality Standard method for measurement of benzene concentrations – Part 1: Pumped sampling followed by thermal desorption and gas chromatography. This Standard gives general guidance for the sampling and analysis of benzene in air by pumped sampling, thermal desorption and capillary gas chromatography. The pumped sampler was developed by NPL in compliance with this standard. AEA contract Environmental Scientifics Groups (ESG) to analyse the samples, the analysis is also carried out in accordance with this standard.

## 4.4 Limit of Detection

The Limit of Detection for the mass of benzene on a desorption tube from the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network is approximately 2ng. This is equivalent to about 0.02  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

The Limit of Detection for each species measured by the Perkin Elmer Ozone Precursor Analysers and Environnement VOC71M analysers used by the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network is shown in Table 8.

**Table 8 Automatic Analyser Limits of Detections**

| Compound               | Limit of Detection ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|---|
| Ethane                 | 0.10  |
| Ethene                 | 0.01  |
| Propane                | 0.02  |
| Propene                | 0.02  |
| Ethyne                 | 0.01  |
| i-Butane               | 0.02  |
| n-Butane               | 0.02  |
| trans-2-Butene         | 0.02  |
| 1-Butene               | 0.02  |
| cis-2-Butene           | 0.02  |
| i-Pentane              | 0.03  |
| n-Pentane              | 0.03  |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 0.02  |
| trans-2-Pentene        | 0.03  |
| 1-Pentene              | 0.03  |
| 2-Methylpentane        | 0.04  |
| Isoprene               | 0.03  |
| n-Hexane               | 0.04  |
| Benzene                | 0.03  |
| i-Octane               | 0.05  |
| n-Heptane              | 0.04  |
| n-Octane               | 0.05  |
| Toluene                | 0.04  |
| Ethylbenzene           | 0.04  |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 0.04  |
| o-Xylene               | 0.04  |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 0.05  |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 0.05  |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | 0.05  |

## 5 Developments and Recommendations

### 5.1 EN14662-3:2005

European Standard EN14662-3:2005 is likely to be reviewed by Working Group 12 later in 2011, to bring it in line with the other gaseous pollutants' standards. AEA will be involved in the review through a representative on the Working Group, and will provide appropriate contributions and feedback to Defra and the Devolved Administrations regarding the potential implications for the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network.

### 5.2 Acetaldehyde and Formaldehyde

The UK Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG) have recently published an advice note on road transport biofuels and their impact on UK air quality for Defra and the Devolved Administrations. The AQEG note can be found at [http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/documents/110322\\_AQEG\\_Biofuels\\_advice\\_note.pdf](http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/documents/110322_AQEG_Biofuels_advice_note.pdf).

The note accepts that results from research studies on the effects of biofuels on vehicle emission are inconclusive and show a high degree of variability, but concludes that any increased use of bioethanol and biodiesel are likely to significantly increase acetaldehyde and formaldehyde emissions. The note goes on to say that 'the likely continued growth in biofuel consumption in the UK means that evidence for any atmospheric change in pollutant concentrations should be monitored in parallel with direct measurements of biofuel emissions from road vehicles'.

AEA recommends that Defra and the DAs consider monitoring acetaldehyde and formaldehyde at a small number of roadside sites in the Non Automatic Hydrocarbon Network which are collocated with NO<sub>x</sub> and PM analysers. This will help the UK to prepare for potential legislative change in the future and will start a dataset useful for long term trend analysis.

### 5.3 Network Review

Under Article V to Article VII of Directive 2008/50/EC all Member States must carry out a periodic review of monitoring networks. In the UK, this assessment is taking place in 2011 and the results of this review, thought to be complete in early 2012, will be used by Defra and the DAs and the Network contractor to make any recommended changes to the Non Automatic and Automatic Hydrocarbon Networks.

AirMonTech is an EU Coordination and Support Action funded under the EU Seventh Framework Programme. It was established in 2010 to provide relevant information to air quality monitoring network operators and stakeholders on current and recently developed monitoring technologies, to identify future needs for improvement of the air quality monitoring networks, and to give advice on a corresponding research road map. The results of the project are expected to provide important input to the revision of the European air quality directives foreseen to start in 2013. In turn, this will affect the future monitoring requirements for these Hydrocarbon Networks.



# Appendices

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# Appendix 1

## Audit Schedule of the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

Table 9 Audit Schedule of the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

| Site                       | Date       | Adjusted flow, ml/min | Date     | Measured flow, ml/min | Adjusted flow, ml/min | Date     | Measured flow, ml/min | Adjusted flow, ml/min |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Barnsley Gawber            | 02/03/2010 | 10.00                 | 19/10/10 | 10.78                 | 10.03                 | 12/04/11 | 9.80                  | 10.07                 |
| Bath Roadside              | 20/04/2010 | 10.00                 | 27/10/10 | 9.71                  | 9.74                  | 15/04/11 | 9.57                  | 9.80                  |
| Belfast Centre             | 27/01/2010 | 10.01                 | 25/10/10 | 11.17                 | 10.13                 | 18/04/11 | 10.18                 | 10.07                 |
| Birmingham Roadside 2      | 08/01/2010 | 10.00                 | 19/08/10 | 10.81                 | NA                    | NA       | NA                    | NA                    |
| Birmingham Tyburn          | 08/01/2010 | 10.00                 | 13/10/10 | 10.02                 | 10.02                 | 04/05/11 | 10.20                 | NA                    |
| Birmingham Tyburn Roadside | -          | -                     | 13/10/10 | NA                    | 10.04                 | 04/05/11 | 9.98                  | 10.00                 |
| Bloomsbury                 | 08/04/2010 | 9.91                  | 12/10/10 | 10.56                 | 10.01                 | 16/05/11 | 9.97                  | 10.00                 |
| Bristol Old Market         | 20/04/2010 | 10.00                 | 02/11/10 | 9.77                  | 9.75                  | 05/05/11 | 9.82                  | 9.95                  |
| Bury Roadside              | 26/01/2010 | 10.00                 | 06/10/10 | 11.30                 | 10.07                 | 04/05/11 | 10.23                 | 10.10                 |
| Cambridge Roadside         | 19/01/2010 | 10.02                 | 21/10/10 | 10.23                 | 10.01                 | 12/05/11 | 10.16                 | 10.06                 |
| Camden Kerbside            | 27/04/2010 | 10.00                 | 18/10/10 | 10.36                 | 10.36                 | 07/08/11 | 10.95                 | 10.08                 |
| Carlisle Caldewgate        | 18/03/2010 | 10.23                 | 11/10/10 | 10.83                 | 10.01                 | 06/05/11 | 10.31                 | 10.01                 |
| Chatham Roadside           | 25/03/2010 | 10.00                 | 27/10/10 | 10.70                 | 10.04                 | 05/04/11 | 9.63                  | 9.61                  |
| Chesterfield               | 16/03/2010 | 9.96                  | 07/10/10 | 10.58                 | 10.03                 | 13/04/11 | 10.19                 | 9.94                  |
| Coventry Memorial Park     | 09/03/2010 | 10.00                 | 25/10/10 | 10.23                 | 10.23                 | 07/04/11 | 9.80                  | 10.00                 |
| Eaglescliffe – Yarm        | 15/03/2010 | 10.23                 | 11/10/10 | 10.49                 | 9.97                  | 05/04/11 | 10.20                 | 10.10                 |
| Glasgow Kerbside           | -          | -                     | 21/10/10 | 10                    | 10.01                 | 14/04/11 | 9.77                  | 10.00                 |

|                                  |            |       |          |       |       |          |       |       |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Grangemouth                      | 18/03/2010 | 10.23 | 21/10/10 | 11.62 | 10.00 | 11/04/11 | 9.5   | 10.00 |
| Haringey Roadside                | 02/02/2010 | 10.07 | 09/12/10 | 10    | 9.80  | 16/05/11 | 9.78  | 9.96  |
| Leamington Spa                   | 09/03/2010 | 9.96  | 25/10/10 | 10.25 | 10.01 | 07/04/11 | 9.90  | 10.00 |
| Leeds Centre                     | 02/03/2010 | 10.05 | 20/10/10 | 10.45 | 9.97  | 12/04/11 | 9.80  | 9.91  |
| Leicester Centre                 | 16/02/2010 | 10.00 | 17/11/10 | 11.76 | 10.00 | 04/04/11 | 10.00 | 10.10 |
| Liverpool Speke                  | 12/01/2010 | 10.02 | 25/10/10 | 10.40 | 10.00 | 05/04/11 | 10.30 | 10.00 |
| Manchester Piccadilly            | 26/01/2010 | 9.96  | 18/10/10 | 10.73 | 10.03 | 04/05/11 | 10.12 | 10.03 |
| Marylebone Rd (non-network site) | 27/04/2010 | 10.00 | 12/10/10 | 10.69 | 10.02 | 16/05/11 | 9.9   | 10.11 |
| Middlesbrough                    | 16/03/2010 | 10.23 | 12/10/10 | 10.87 | 10.01 | 05/04/11 | 10.50 | 10.10 |
| Newcastle                        | 16/03/2010 | 10.23 | 12/10/10 | 11.42 | 10.02 | 04/04/11 | 10.10 | 10.00 |
| Northampton                      | 17/02/2010 | 9.96  | 11/10/10 | 10.88 | 9.97  | 06/04/11 | 9.9   | 10.00 |
| Norwich - Lakenfields            | 28/04/2010 | 9.87  | 12/10/10 | 10.22 | 10.00 | 13/04/11 | 7.77* | 10.00 |
| Nottingham Centre                | 16/02/2010 | 9.99  | 13/10/10 | 10.75 | 10.02 | 13/04/11 | 10.16 | 9.94  |
| Oxford Centre                    | 05/01/2010 | 9.96  | 18/10/10 | 10.66 | 10.03 | 06/05/11 | 10.20 | 10.10 |
| Oxford St Ebbes                  | 05/01/2010 | 10.00 | 03/11/10 | 11.74 | 9.95  | 06/05/11 | 9.83  | 9.89  |
| Plymouth                         | 21/04/2010 | 10.00 | 18/10/10 | 10.66 | 10.03 | 18/04/11 | 9.79  | 9.93  |
| Sheffield                        | 16/03/2010 | 9.96  | 19/10/10 | 10.62 | 10.04 | 12/04/11 | 10.15 | 10.00 |
| Southampton                      | 03/02/2010 | 10.05 | 26/10/10 | 10.52 | 10.01 | 05/04/11 | 10.10 | 10.00 |
| Stoke Centre                     | 13/01/2010 | 10.00 | 26/10/10 | 10.69 | 10.00 | 06/04/11 | 9.80  | 10.00 |
| Wigan Centre                     | 26/01/2010 | 10.00 | 25/10/10 | 10.35 | 9.98  | 05/04/11 | 10.40 | 9.90  |
| York Fishergate Roadside         | 02/03/2010 | 10.00 | 07/10/10 | 10.16 | 10.51 | 11/04/11 | 9.39  | 9.94  |

\*Sampler and pump replaced, pump fault



## 2010 Audit Schedule of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

**Table 10** Audit and Service Schedule of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

| Site             | Service Date | Audit Date | Audit Date |
|------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Auchencorth Moss | 03/02/10     | 04/11/09   | 18/05/11   |
| Harwell          | 21/04/10     | 26/10/09   | 14/03/11   |
| Eltham           | 12/11/10     | 27/10/09   | 16/03/11   |
| Marylebone Road  | 05/03/10     | 28/10/09   | 15/03/11   |
| Glasgow          | 03/09/09     | 03/09/09   | -          |

# Appendix 2

## Copy of 2011 Audit certificate - Accredited low flow measurements



### Certificate of Calibration

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Science and Evidence Team  
Atmosphere and Local Environment (ALE) Programme  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Area 5E Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR

Description:

Measured flow rates for samplers in the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Monitoring Network

#### Measured flowrates

| Site                       | Date of measurement | Flow A (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Flow B (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Difference (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Uncertainty (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Barnsley Gawber            | 12/04/2011          | 10.07                         | 10.20                         | 0.13                              | 0.004                              |
| Bath Roadside              | 15/04/2011          | 9.80                          | 9.80                          | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Belfast Centre             | 18/04/2011          | 10.07                         | 10.14                         | 0.07                              | 0.003                              |
| Birmingham Acocks Green*   | 04/05/2011          | 10.10                         | 10.10                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Birmingham Tyburn Roadside | 04/05/2011          | 10.00                         | 10.02                         | 0.02                              | 0.002                              |
| London Bloomsbury          | 16/05/2011          | 10.00                         | 9.99                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Bristol Old Market         | 05/05/2011          | 9.95                          | 9.94                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Bury Roadside              | 04/05/2011          | 10.10                         | 10.15                         | 0.05                              | 0.003                              |
| Cambridge Roadside         | 12/05/2011          | 10.06                         | 10.07                         | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Camden Kerbside            | 07/08/2011          | 10.08                         | 10.13                         | 0.05                              | 0.003                              |
| Carlisle Roadside          | 06/05/2011          | 10.01                         | 10.09                         | 0.08                              | 0.003                              |
| Chatham Centre Roadside    | 05/04/2011          | 9.61                          | 9.60                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Chesterfield Roadside      | 13/04/2011          | 9.94                          | 10.03                         | 0.09                              | 0.004                              |
| Coventry Memorial Park     | 07/04/2011          | 10.00                         | 10.00                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Glasgow Kerbside           | 14/04/2011          | 10.03                         | 10.08                         | 0.05                              | 0.003                              |
| Grangemouth                | 12/04/2011          | 10.00                         | 10.08                         | 0.08                              | 0.003                              |
| Haringey Roadside          | 16/05/2011          | 9.96                          | 9.99                          | 0.03                              | 0.003                              |
| Leamington Spa             | 07/04/2011          | 9.96                          | 9.97                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Leeds Centre               | 12/04/2011          | 9.91                          | 9.95                          | 0.04                              | 0.003                              |

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2 providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements.

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| Site                          | Date of measurement | Flow A (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Flow B (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Difference (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) | Uncertainty (mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Leicester Centre              | 04/04/2011          | 10.12                         | 10.12                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Liverpool Speke               | 05/04/2011          | 9.97                          | 9.97                          | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Manchester Piccadilly         | 04/05/2011          | 10.03                         | 10.11                         | 0.08                              | 0.003                              |
| Marylebone Road               | 19/04/2011          | 10.11                         | 10.04                         | 0.07                              | 0.003                              |
| Middlesbrough Centre          | 05/04/2011          | 10.10                         | 10.10                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Newcastle Centre              | 04/04/2011          | 10.01                         | 10.09                         | 0.08                              | 0.003                              |
| Northampton                   | 06/04/2011          | 10.00                         | 10.00                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Norwich Lakenfields           | 12/05/2011          | 10.04                         | 10.04                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Nottingham Centre             | 13/04/2011          | 9.94                          | 10.01                         | 0.07                              | 0.003                              |
| Oxford Centre                 | 06/05/2011          | 10.22                         | 10.21                         | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Oxford St Ebbes               | 06/05/2011          | 9.89                          | 9.89                          | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Plymouth Centre               | 18/04/2011          | 9.93                          | 9.93                          | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Sheffield Centre              | 12/04/2011          | 10.00                         | 10.06                         | 0.06                              | 0.003                              |
| Southampton                   | 05/04/2011          | 10.03                         | 10.02                         | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Stockton-on-Tees Eaglescliffe | 05/04/2011          | 10.10                         | 10.10                         | 0.00                              | 0.002                              |
| Stoke-on-Trent Centre         | 06/04/2011          | 9.96                          | 9.97                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |
| Wigan Centre                  | 05/04/2011          | 10.00                         | 9.90                          | 0.10                              | 0.004                              |
| York Fishergate               | 11/04/2011          | 9.94                          | 9.95                          | 0.01                              | 0.002                              |

\*The sampler at Birmingham Tyburn was removed and installed at Birmingham Acocks Green on the same day.

The measured flow rate (where this is applicable) is the flow rate through the two sample tubes on the day of audit using documented methods. Flows are corrected to 20°C and 1 atm. . Note that the test results are valid on the day of test only, as flowrate drift over time cannot be quantified.

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The reported uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k = 2, providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements.

# Appendix 3

## Data capture, maximum and annual mean values from the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network

Percentage data capture, maximum and annual mean values of ratified data from the Auchencorth Moss site of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Note that the annual mean concentrations have been calculated even where the data capture at the site is less than 75%. These annual means therefore may not be representative of an average year and the data should be used with caution.

Table 11 Auchencorth Moss

| Compound               | % Data capture | Maximum hourly concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Annual Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Ethane                 | 80             | 26.2  | 2.30   |
| Ethene                 | 58             | 4.16  | 0.35   |
| Propane                | 80             | 188   | 1.86   |
| Propene                | 50             | 6.34  | 0.17   |
| Ethyne                 | 67             | 1.96  | 0.25   |
| i-Butane               | 75             | 67.6  | 0.58   |
| n-Butane               | 76             | 166   | 1.00   |
| trans-2-Butene         | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 1-Butene               | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| cis-2-Butene           | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| i-Pentane              | 74             | 56.2  | 0.40   |
| n-Pentane              | 72             | 34.6  | 0.27   |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 28             | 0.34  | 0.03   |
| trans-2-Pentene        | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 1-Pentene              | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 2-Methylpentane        | 54             | 7.65  | 0.09   |
| Isoprene               | 10             | 1.67  | 0.08   |
| n-Hexane               | 58             | 14.1  | 0.12   |
| Benzene                | 77             | 3.31  | 0.31   |
| i-Octane               | 20             | 1.80  | 0.08   |
| n-Heptane              | 33             | 3.53  | 0.09   |
| n-Octane               | 7              | 0.66  | 0.04   |
| Toluene                | 67             | 9.18  | 0.24   |
| Ethylbenzene           | 25             | 1.37  | 0.08   |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 26             | 4.67  | 0.16   |
| o-Xylene               | 22             | 1.41  | 0.08   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |

Percentage data capture, maximum and annual mean values of ratified data from the Glasgow site of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network.

**Table 12 Glasgow**

| Compound               | % Data capture | Maximum hourly concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Annual Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Ethane                 | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Ethene                 | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Propane                | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Propene                | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Ethyne                 | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| i-Butane               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| n-Butane               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| trans-2-Butene         | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 1-Butene               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| cis-2-Butene           | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| i-Pentane              | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| n-Pentane              | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 96             | 3.91  | 0.08   |
| trans-2-Pentene        | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 1-Pentene              | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 2-Methylpentane        | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Isoprene               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| n-Hexane               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Benzene                | 96             | 12.1  | 1.03   |
| i-Octane               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| n-Heptane              | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| n-Octane               | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| Toluene                | 96             | 84.3  | 2.43   |
| Ethylbenzene           | 83             | 10.2  | 0.47   |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 95             | 35.3  | 1.68   |
| o-Xylene               | 85             | 11.7  | 0.64   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | Not measured   | Not measured  | Not measured   |

Percentage data capture, maximum and annual mean values of ratified data from the Harwell site of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Note that the annual mean concentrations have been calculated even where the data capture at the site is less than 75%. These annual means therefore may not be representative of an average year and the data should be used with caution.

**Table 13 Harwell**

| Compound               | % Data capture | Maximum hourly concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Annual Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Ethane                 | 92             | 23.6  | 2.99   |
| Ethene                 | 87             | 5.83  | 0.59   |
| Propane                | 91             | 27.7  | 1.82   |
| Propene                | 88             | 4.99  | 0.34   |
| Ethyne                 | 89             | 2.78  | 0.36   |
| i-Butane               | 82             | 6.27  | 0.64   |
| n-Butane               | 91             | 19.5  | 1.01   |
| trans-2-Butene         | 83             | 0.28  | 0.08   |
| 1-Butene               | 53             | 1.70  | 0.17   |
| cis-2-Butene           | 73             | 0.19  | 0.05   |
| i-Pentane              | 92             | 5.57  | 0.52   |
| n-Pentane              | 92             | 2.60  | 0.29   |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 51             | 0.40  | 0.11   |
| trans-2-Pentene        | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 1-Pentene              | <LoD           | <LoD  | <LoD   |
| 2-Methylpentane        | 91             | 3.61  | 0.16   |
| Isoprene               | 37             | 1.39  | 0.05   |
| n-Hexane               | 91             | 5.29  | 0.14   |
| Benzene                | 65             | 3.21  | 0.50   |
| i-Octane               | 49             | 1.23  | 0.14   |
| n-Heptane              | 64             | 0.71  | 0.11   |
| n-Octane               | 50             | 0.43  | 0.07   |
| Toluene                | 84             | 13.9  | 0.68   |
| Ethylbenzene           | 68             | 1.28  | 0.12   |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 75             | 4.72  | 0.28   |
| o-Xylene               | 72             | 1.90  | 0.15   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 25             | 1.15  | 0.11   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 77             | 1.35  | 0.15   |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | 65             | 0.80  | 0.09   |

Percentage data capture, maximum and annual mean values of ratified data from the London Eltham site of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Note that the annual mean concentrations have been calculated even where the data capture at the site is less than 75%. These annual means therefore may not be representative of an average year and the data should be used with caution.

**Table 14 London Eltham**

| Compound               | % Data capture | Maximum hourly concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Annual Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Ethane                 | 76             | 81.7  | 6.68   |
| Ethene                 | 72             | 15.0  | 0.84   |
| Propane                | 79             | 47.7  | 3.02   |
| Propene                | 79             | 8.19  | 0.37   |
| Ethyne                 | 79             | 4.93  | 0.42   |
| i-Butane               | 80             | 30.3  | 1.52   |
| n-Butane               | 80             | 53.6  | 2.90   |
| trans-2-Butene         | 80             | 2.05  | 0.12   |
| 1-Butene               | 68             | 1.02  | 0.09   |
| cis-2-Butene           | 80             | 1.30  | 0.08   |
| i-Pentane              | 80             | 34.8  | 1.69   |
| n-Pentane              | 80             | 18.4  | 0.72   |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 80             | 1.50  | 0.08   |
| trans-2-Pentene        | 79             | 1.86  | 0.07   |
| 1-Pentene              | 79             | 0.67  | 0.04   |
| 2-Methylpentane        | 80             | 8.55  | 0.39   |
| Isoprene               | 77             | 3.45  | 0.17   |
| n-Hexane               | 80             | 16.1  | 0.29   |
| Benzene                | 80             | 7.36  | 0.57   |
| i-Octane               | 83             | 8.67  | 0.29   |
| n-Heptane              | 83             | 23.8  | 0.18   |
| n-Octane               | 79             | 0.66  | 0.08   |
| Toluene                | 83             | 26.9  | 1.39   |
| Ethylbenzene           | 83             | 4.50  | 0.24   |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 83             | 14.6  | 0.73   |
| o-Xylene               | 83             | 5.33  | 0.27   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 74             | 1.45  | 0.11   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 82             | 5.49  | 0.36   |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | 80             | 4.29  | 0.25   |

Percentage data capture, maximum and annual mean values of ratified data from the Marylebone Road site of the Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. Note that the annual mean concentrations have been calculated even where the data capture at the site is less than 75%. These annual means therefore may not be representative of an average year and the data should be used with caution.

**Table 15 Marylebone Road**

| Compound               | % Data capture | Maximum hourly concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) | Annual Mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) |
|------------------------|----------------|---|--|
| Ethane                 | 74             | 144   | 9.14   |
| Ethene                 | 71             | 19.3  | 2.56   |
| Propane                | 74             | 178   | 4.59   |
| Propene                | 72             | 7.07  | 1.45   |
| Ethyne                 | 69             | 10.3  | 1.26   |
| i-Butane               | 74             | 53.0  | 2.62   |
| n-Butane               | 74             | 38.9  | 4.70   |
| trans-2-Butene         | 70             | 2.17  | 0.24   |
| 1-Butene               | 52             | 1.56  | 0.39   |
| cis-2-Butene           | 67             | 1.51  | 0.20   |
| i-Pentane              | 73             | 88.3  | 5.07   |
| n-Pentane              | 73             | 17.6  | 1.63   |
| 1,3-Butadiene          | 71             | 10.7  | 0.38   |
| trans-2-Pentene        | 47             | 7.68  | 0.36   |
| 1-Pentene              | 45             | 4.31  | 0.23   |
| 2-Methylpentane        | 70             | 70.2  | 2.09   |
| Isoprene               | 64             | 22.0  | 0.35   |
| n-Hexane               | 72             | 13.2  | 0.54   |
| Benzene                | 67             | 13.0  | 1.23   |
| i-Octane               | 71             | 13.1  | 0.78   |
| n-Heptane              | 71             | 11.4  | 0.42   |
| n-Octane               | 65             | 7.30  | 0.15   |
| Toluene                | 74             | 118   | 4.28   |
| Ethylbenzene           | 76             | 8.37  | 0.77   |
| (m+p)-Xylene           | 75             | 37.6  | 2.44   |
| o-Xylene               | 75             | 13.8  | 0.91   |
| 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene | 66             | 6.98  | 0.42   |
| 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene | 74             | 8.08  | 1.09   |
| 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene | 75             | 3.89  | 0.43   |



# Appendix 4

## Automatic Hourly Mean Graphs for Benzene and 1,3-Butadiene

Figure 10 Auchencorth Moss Automatic Benzene

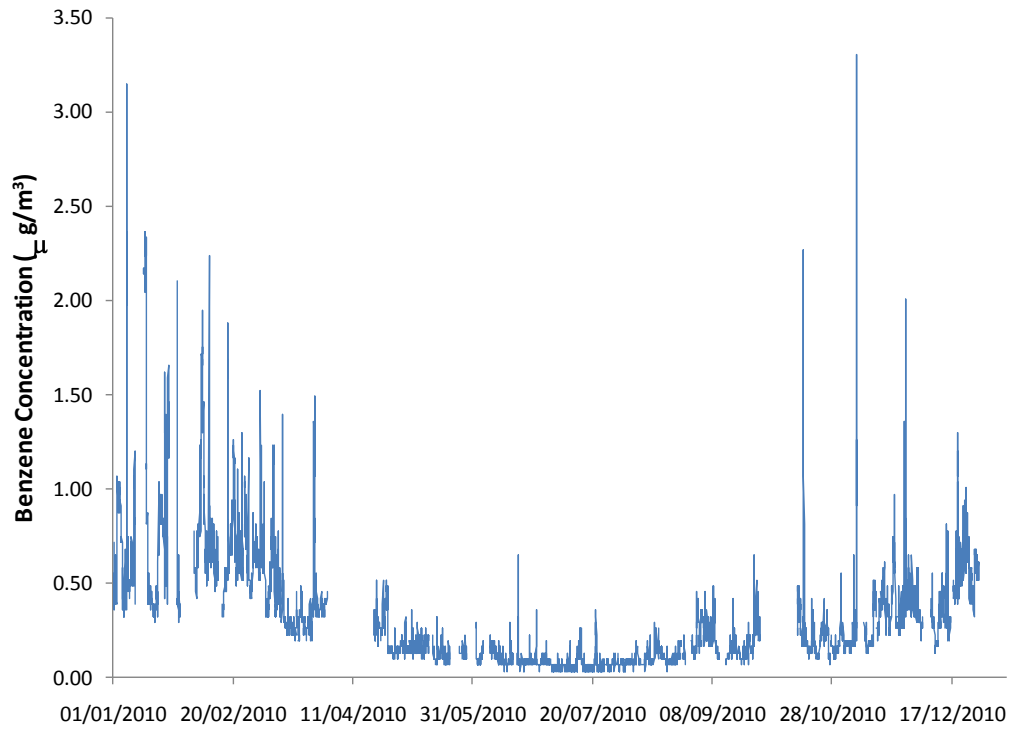
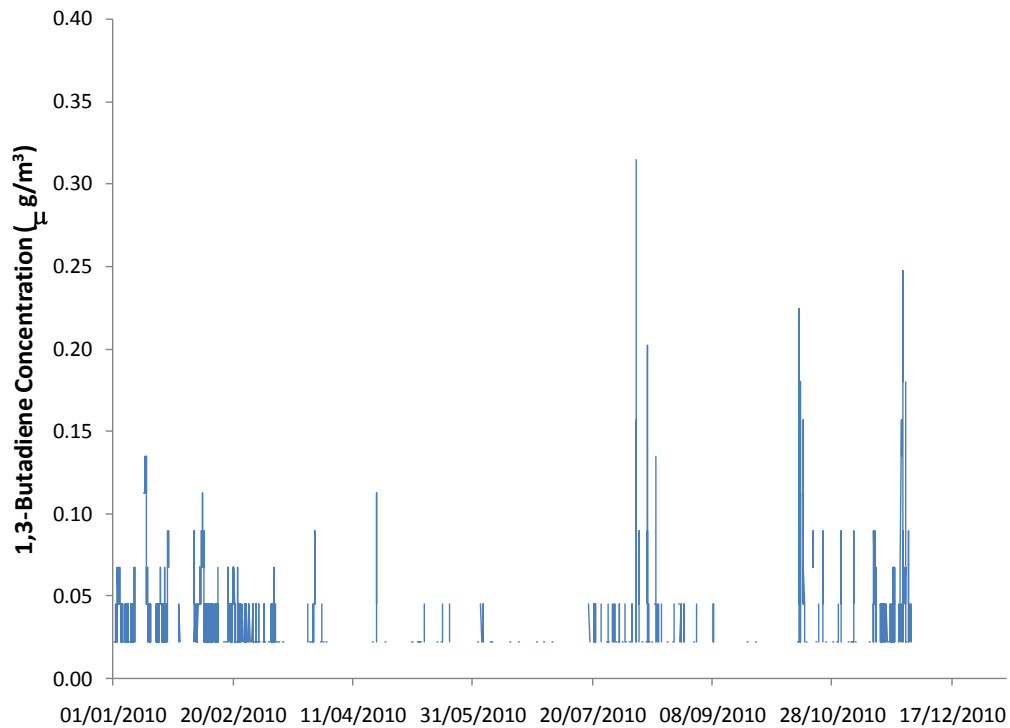
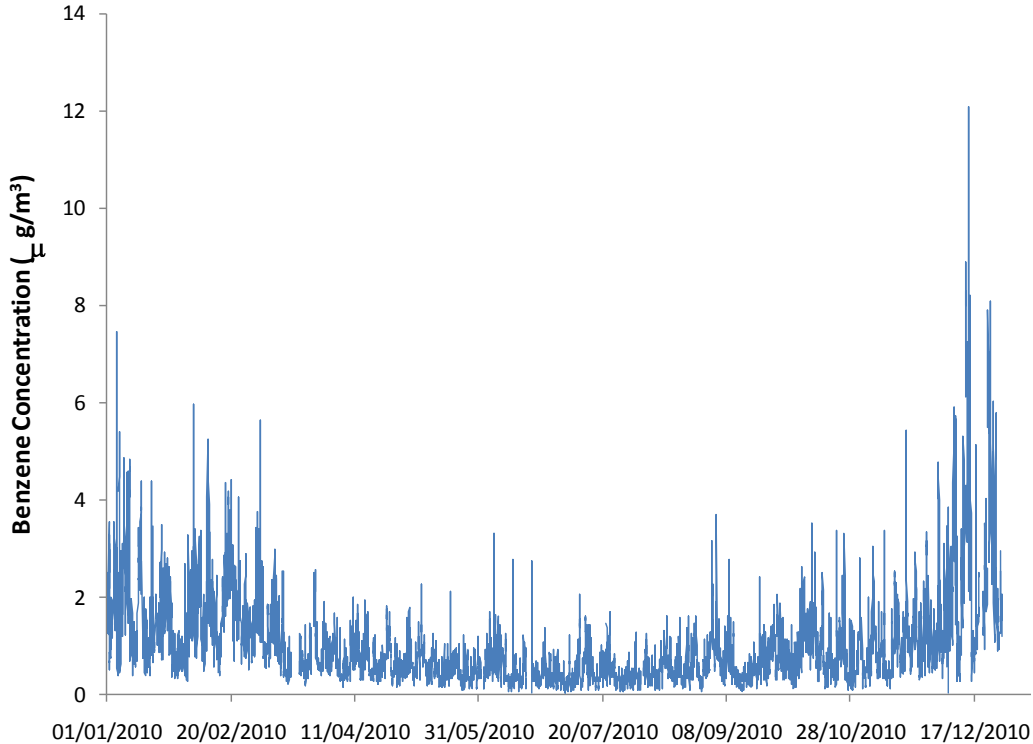


Figure 11 Auchencorth Moss Automatic 1,3-Butadiene



**Figure 12 Glasgow Kerbside Automatic Benzene**



**Figure 13 Glasgow Kerbside Automatic 1,3-Butadiene**

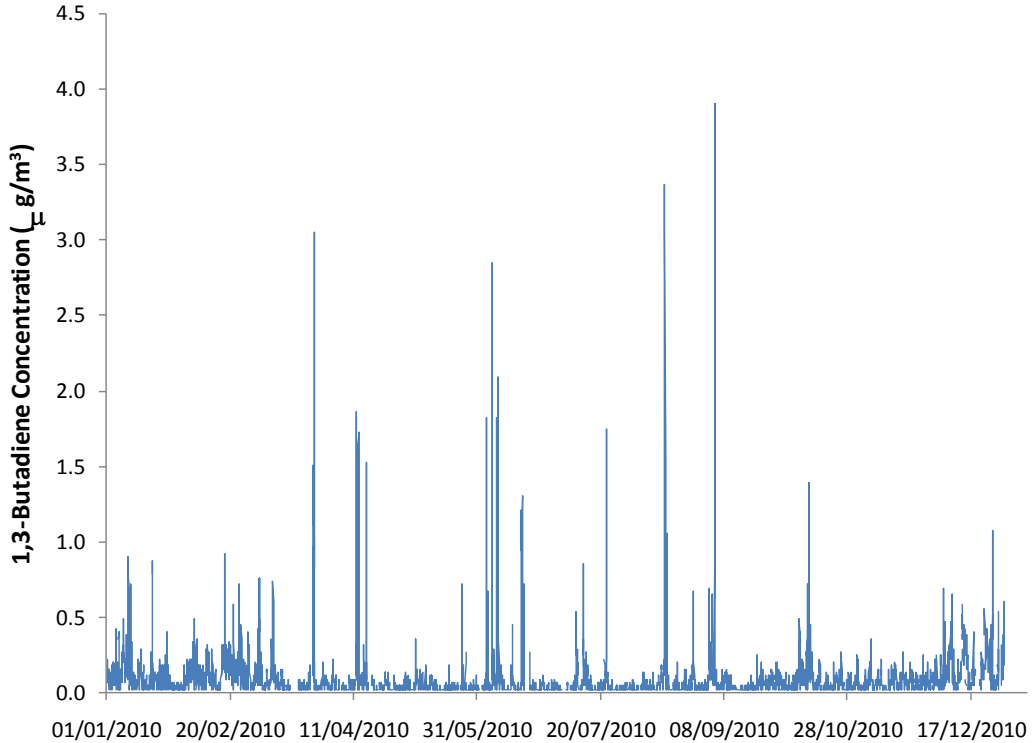


Figure 14 Harwell Automatic Benzene

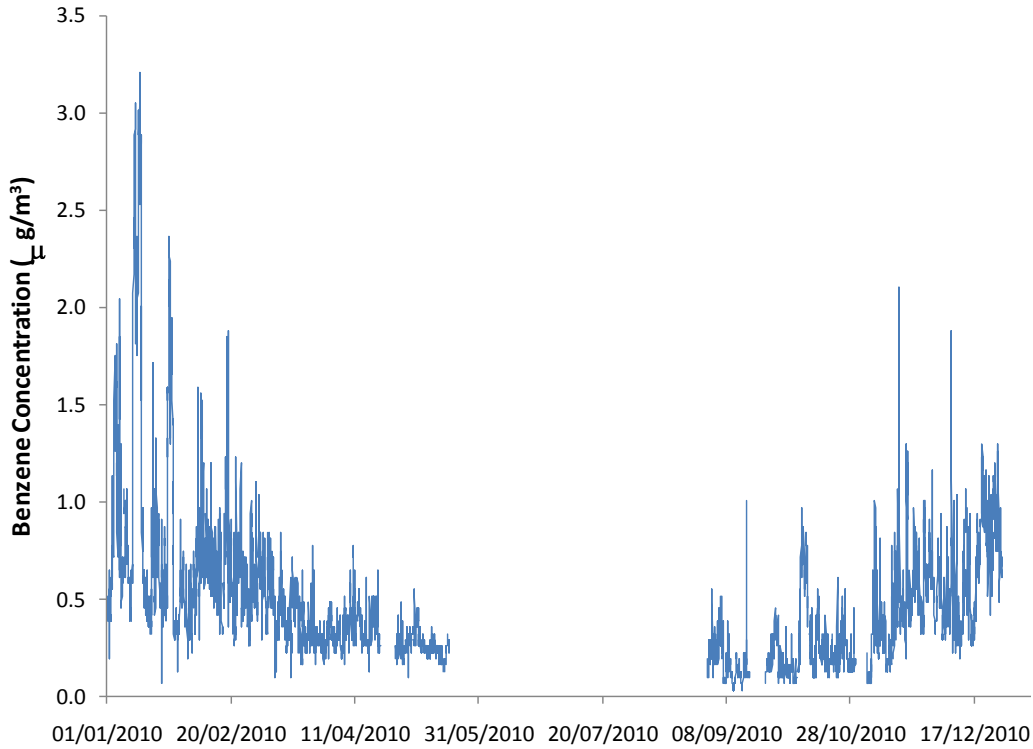


Figure 15 Harwell Automatic 1,3-Butadiene

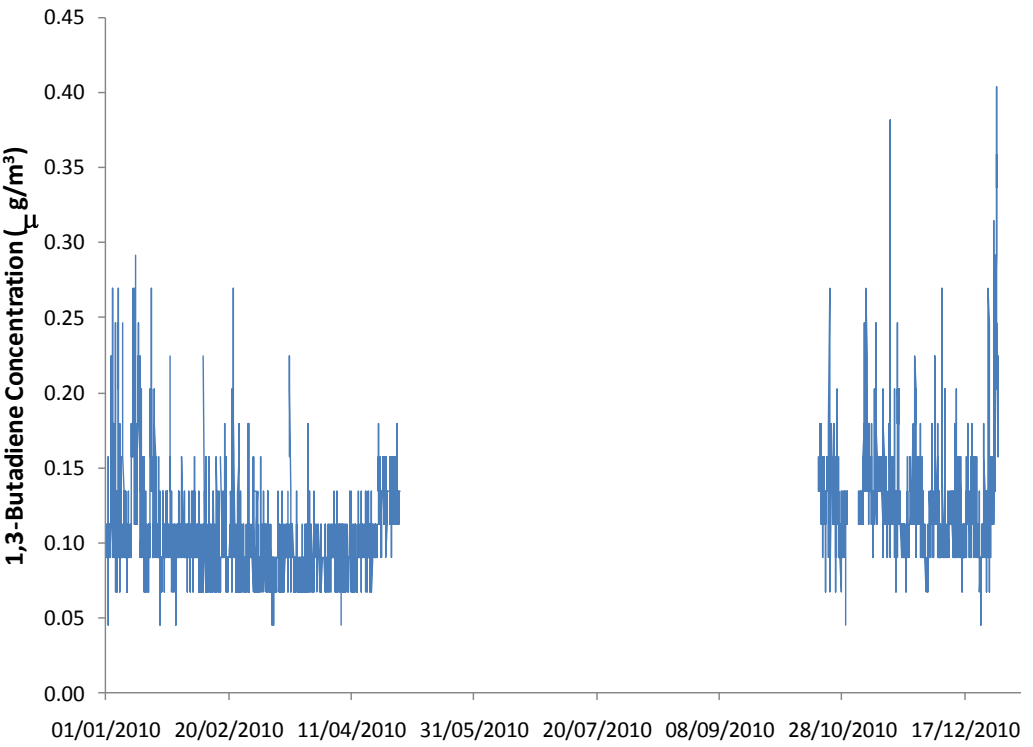


Figure 16 London Eltham Automatic Benzene

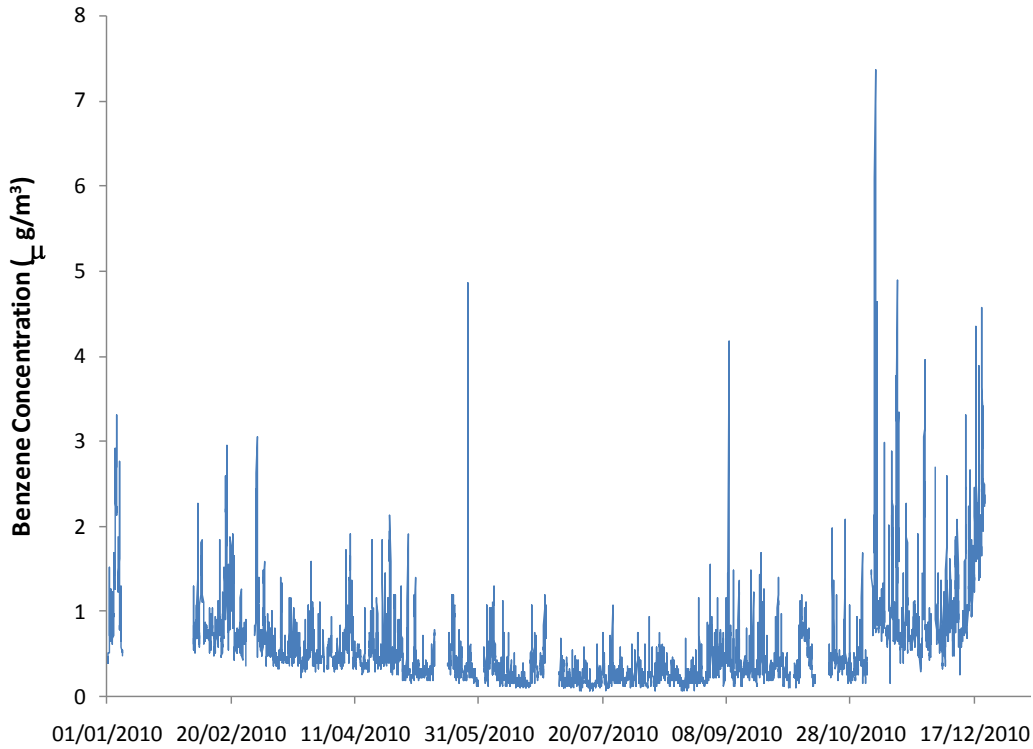


Figure 17 London Eltham Automatic 1,3-Butadiene

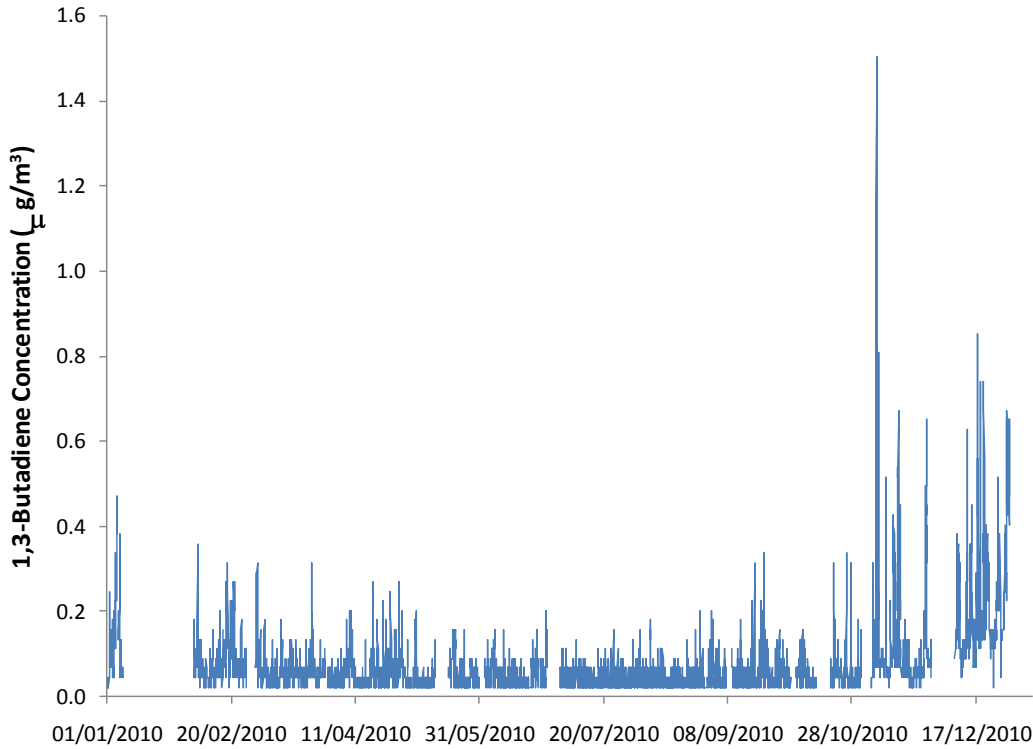


Figure 18 Marylebone Road Automatic Benzene

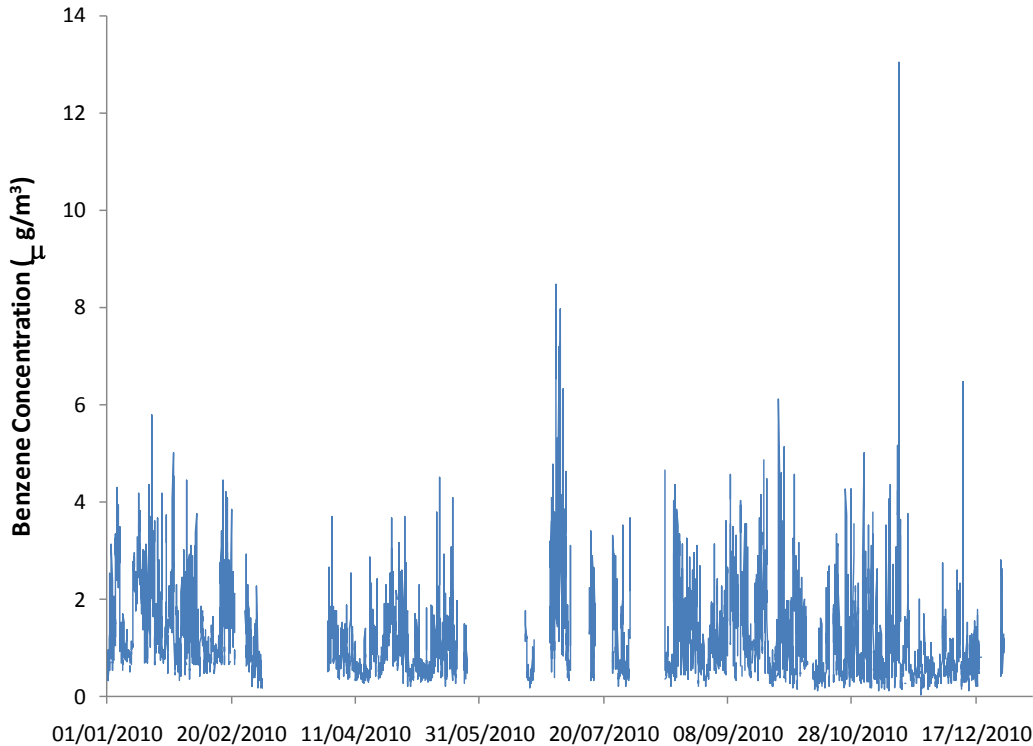
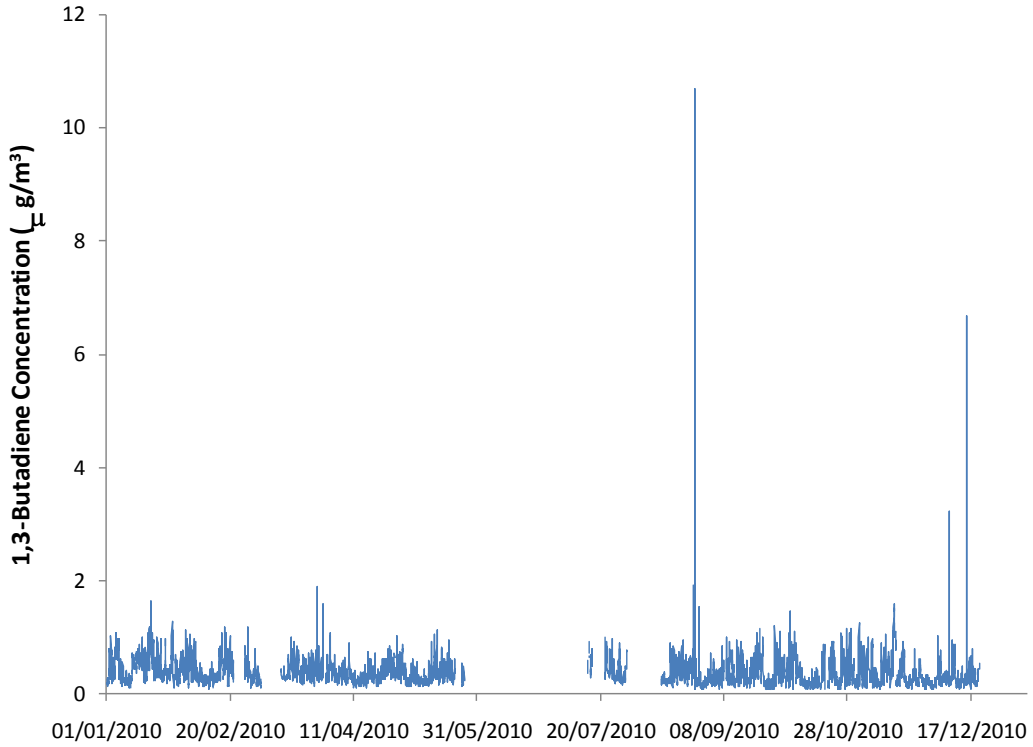


Figure 19 Marylebone Road Automatic 1,3-Butadiene



# Non Automatic Fortnightly Mean Graphs for Benzene

Figure 20 Barnsley Gawber Non Automatic Benzene

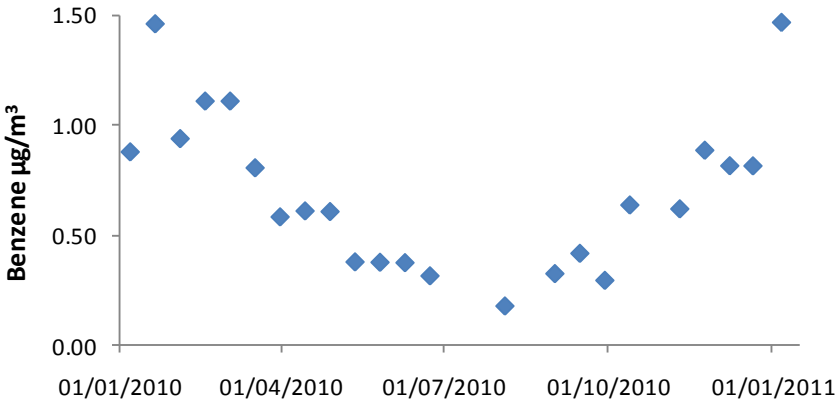


Figure 21 Bath Roadside Non Automatic Benzene

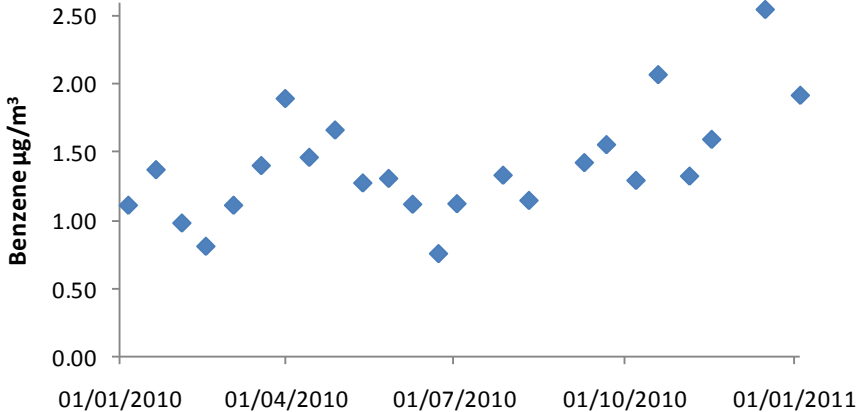
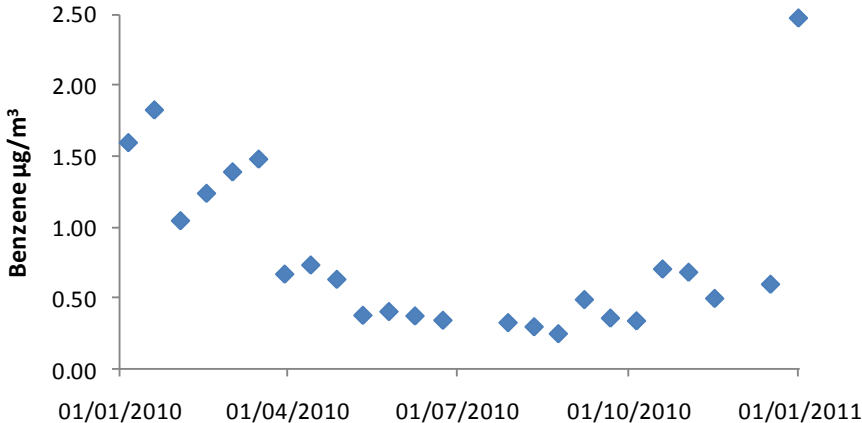
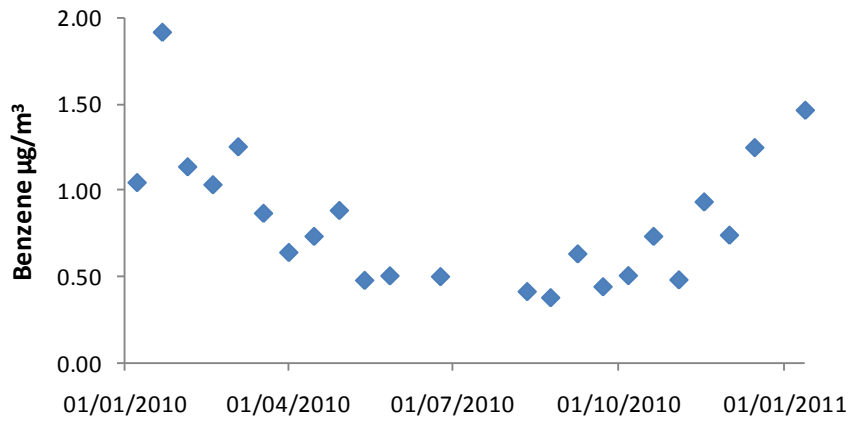


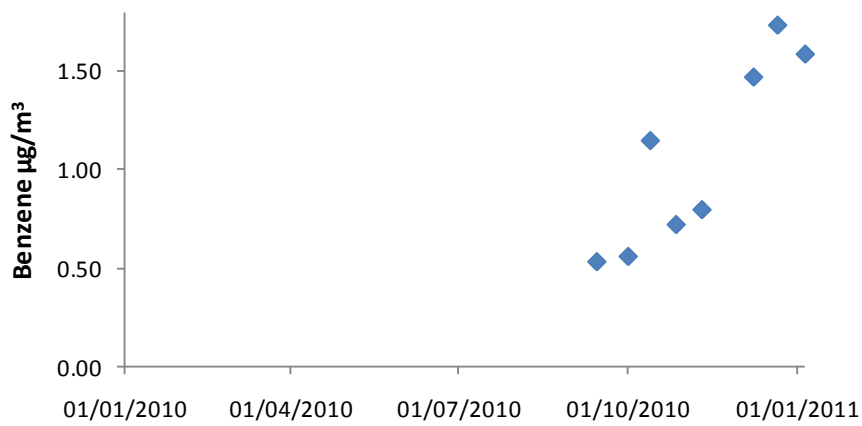
Figure 22 Belfast Centre Non Automatic Benzene



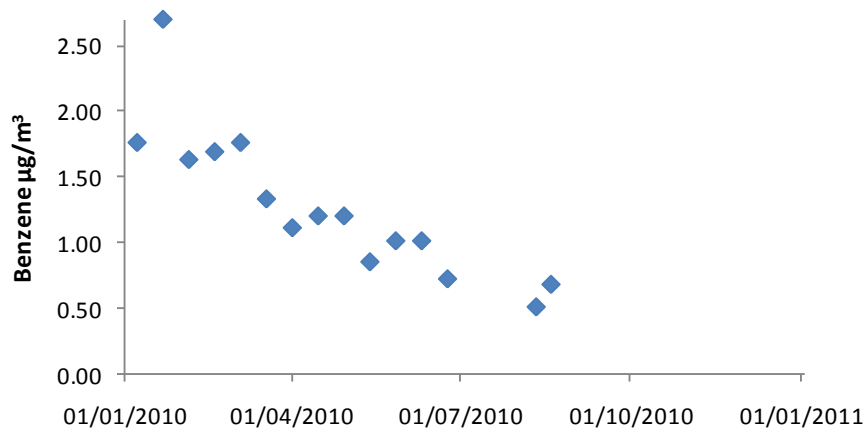
**Figure 23 Birmingham Tyburn Non Automatic Benzene**



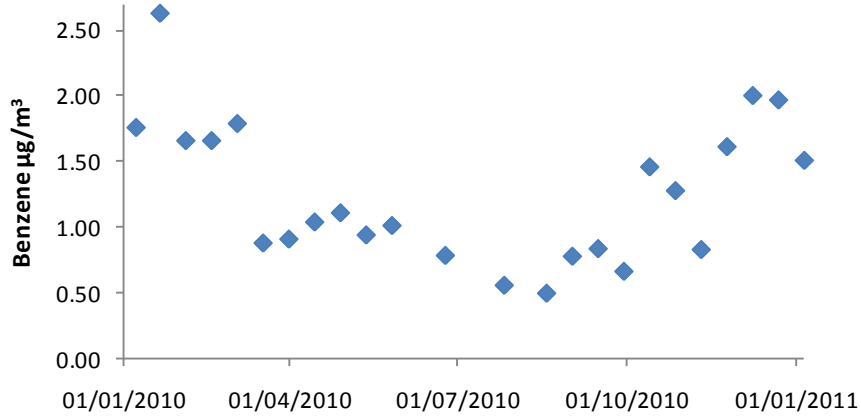
**Figure 24 Birmingham Tyburn Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



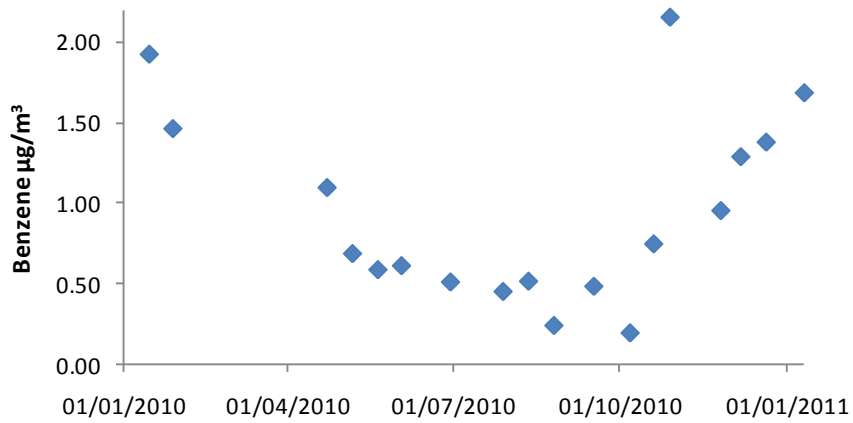
**Figure 25 Birmingham Roadside 2 Non Automatic Benzene**



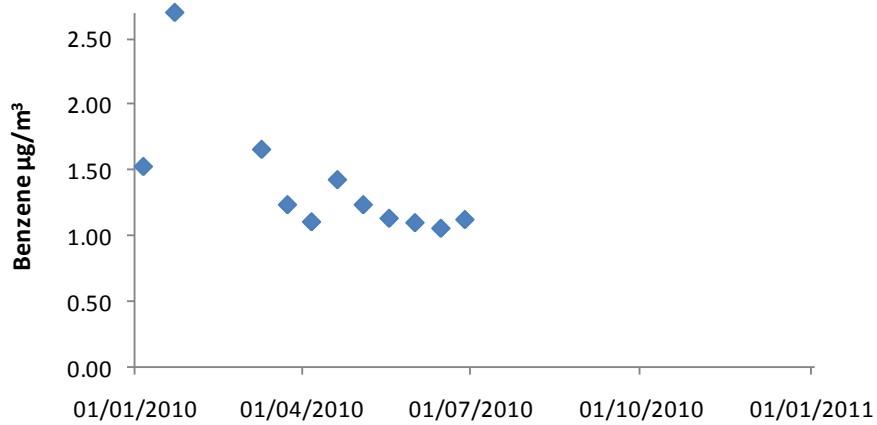
**Figure 26 Bristol Old Market Non Automatic Benzene**



**Figure 27 Bury Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**

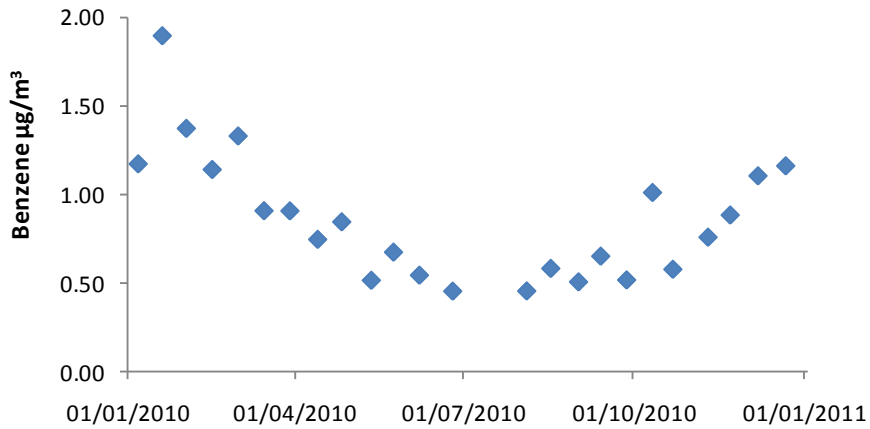


**Figure 28 Camden Kerbside Non Automatic Benzene**

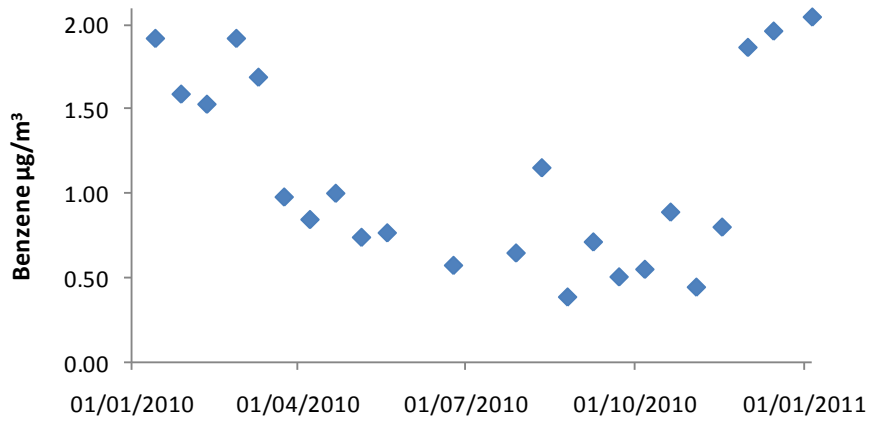




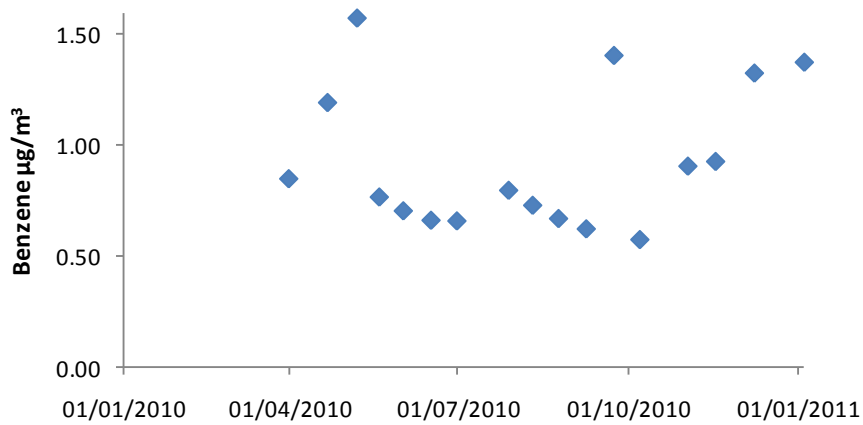
**Figure 29 Cambridge Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



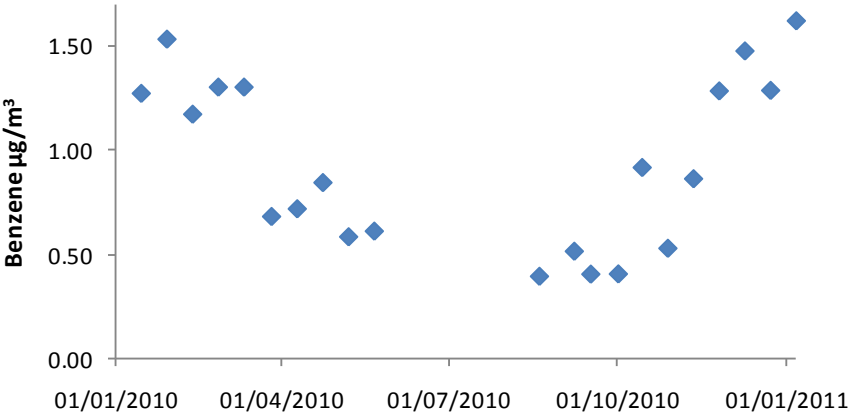
**Figure 30 Carlisle Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



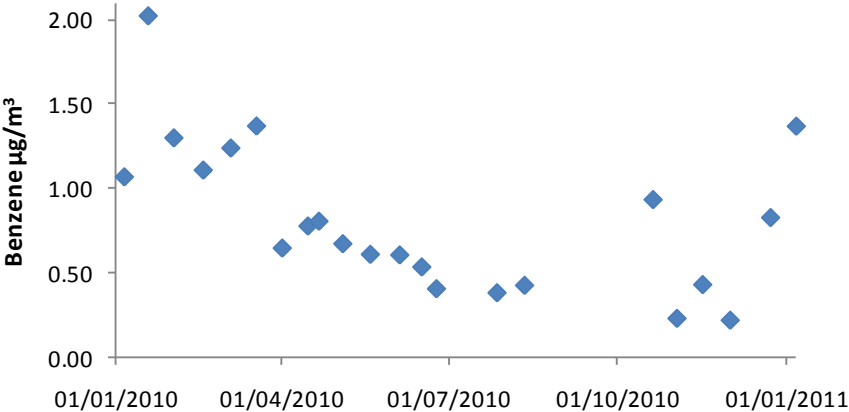
**Figure 31 Chatham Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



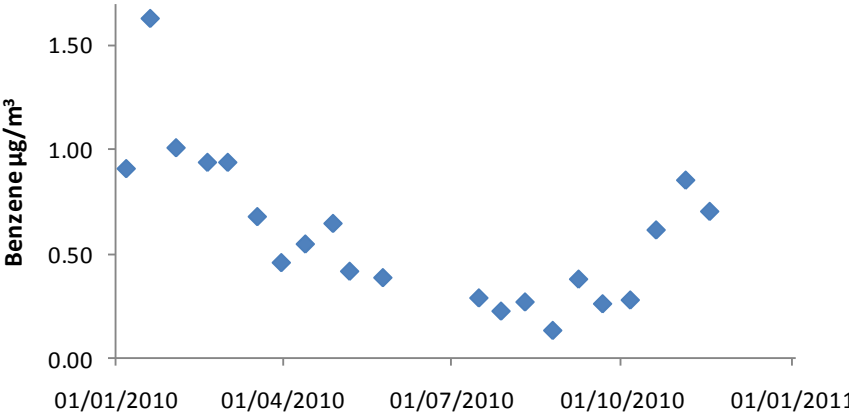
**Figure 32 Chesterfield Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



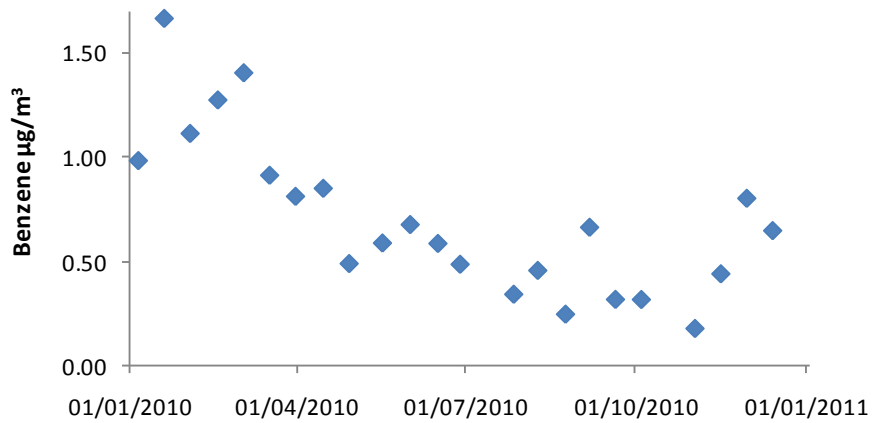
**Figure 33 London Bloomsbury Non Automatic Benzene**



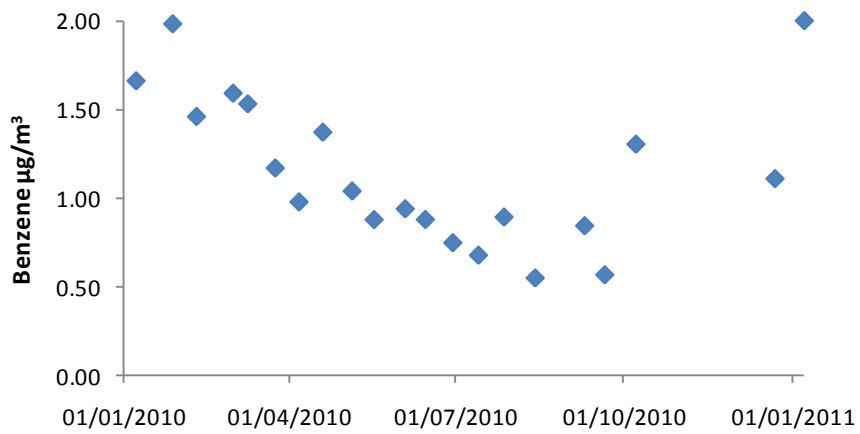
**Figure 34 Coventry Memorial Park Non Automatic Benzene**



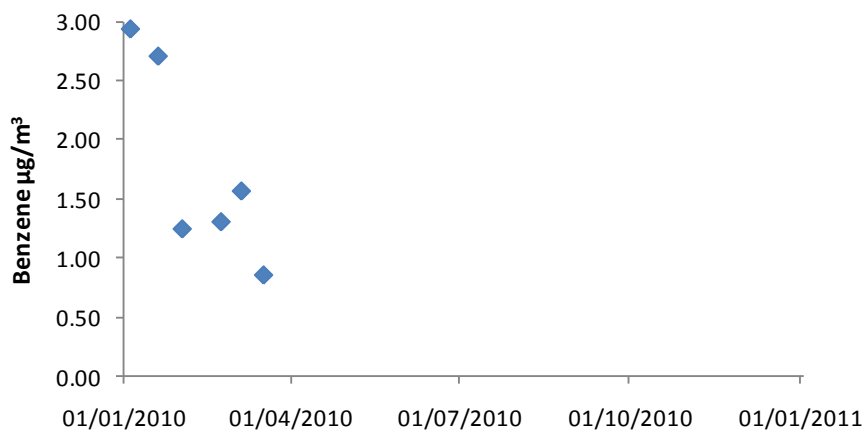
**Figure 35 Stockton-on-Tees Eaglescliffe Non Automatic Benzene**



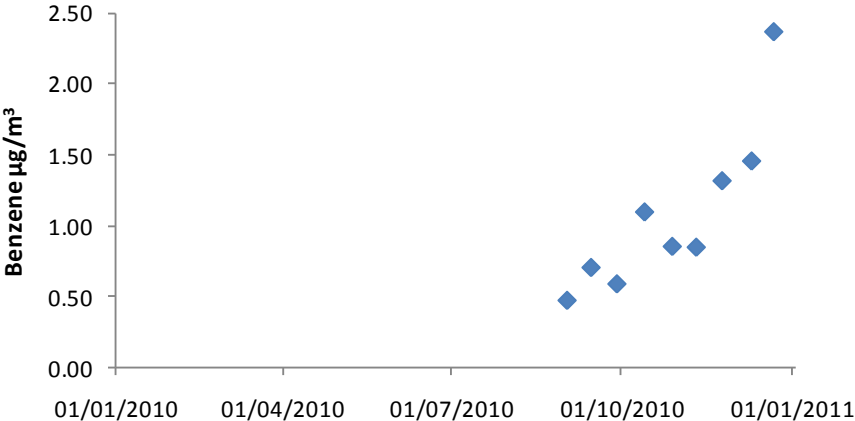
**Figure 36 Haringey Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



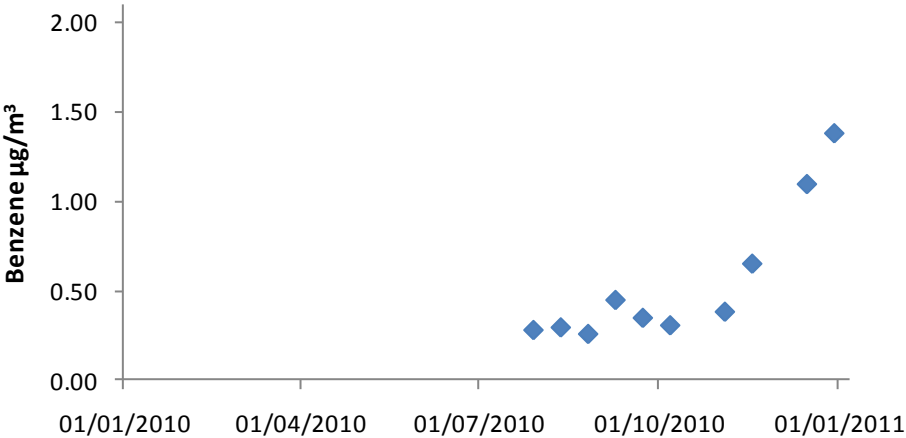
**Figure 37 Killingholme Non Automatic Benzene**



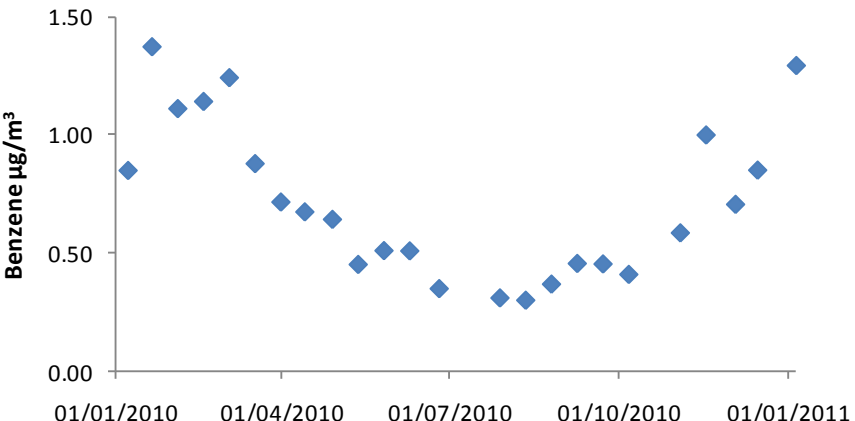
**Figure 38 Glasgow Kerbside Non Automatic Benzene**



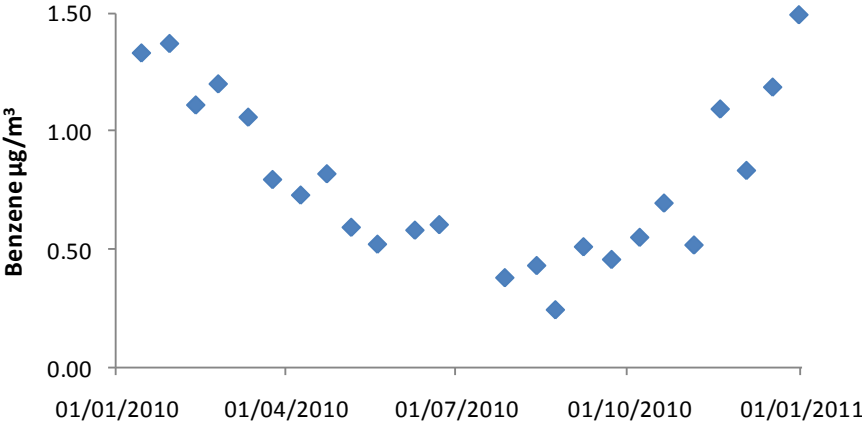
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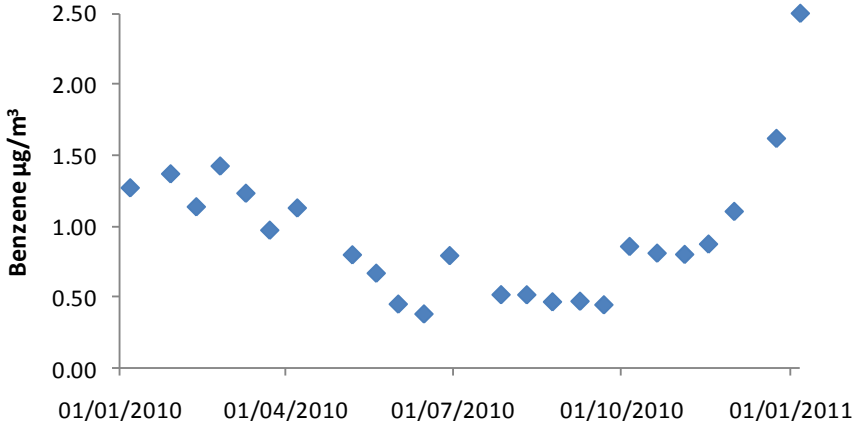
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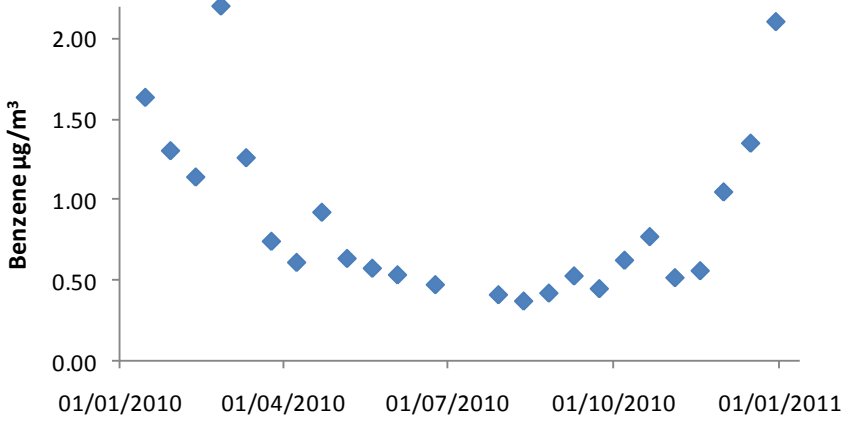
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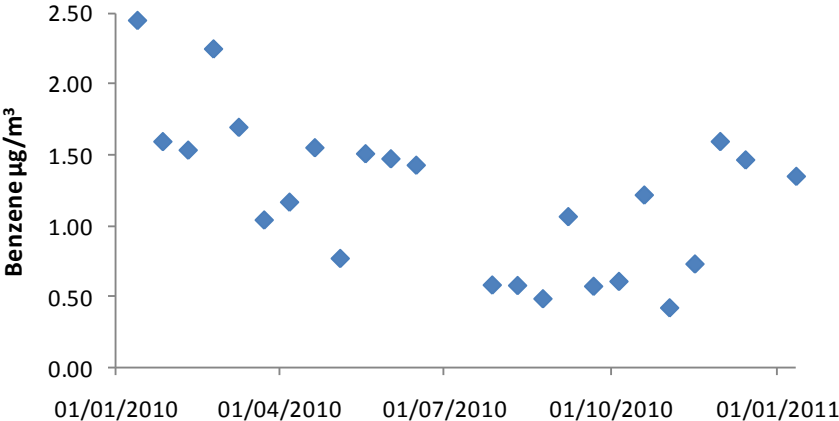
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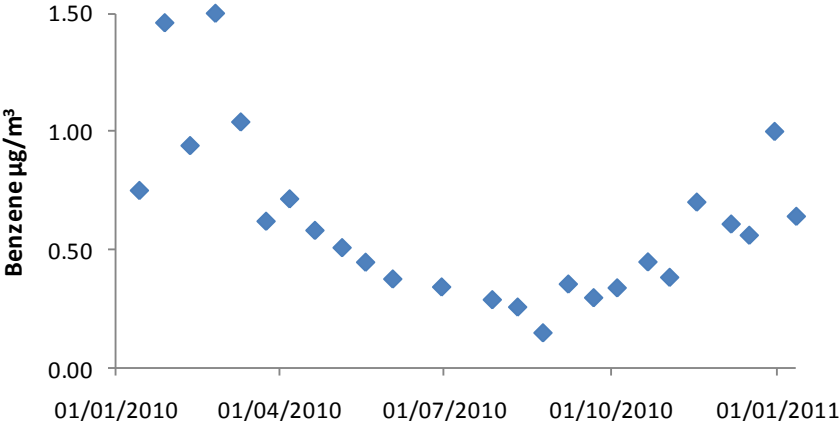
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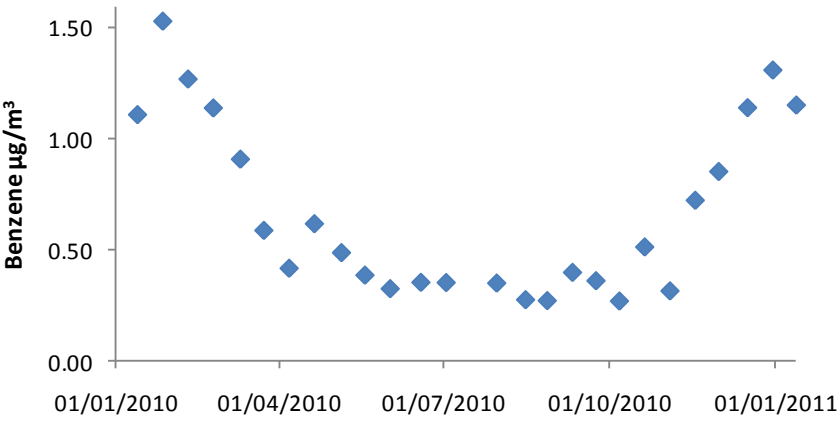
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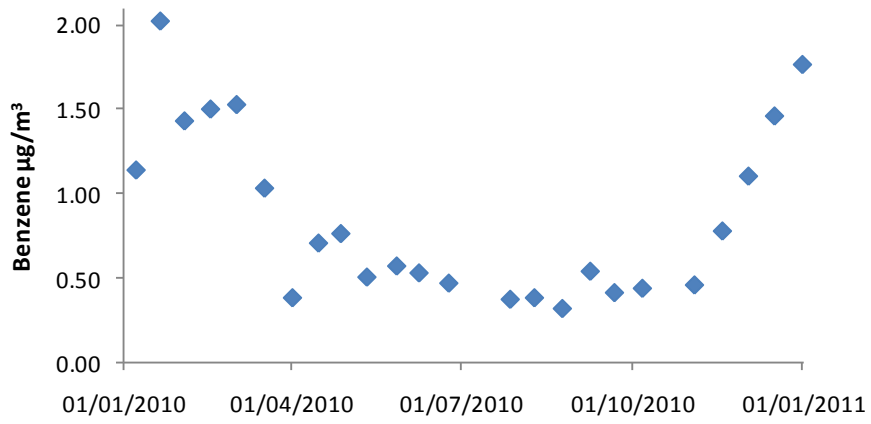
**Figure 45 Newcastle Centre Non Automatic Benzene**



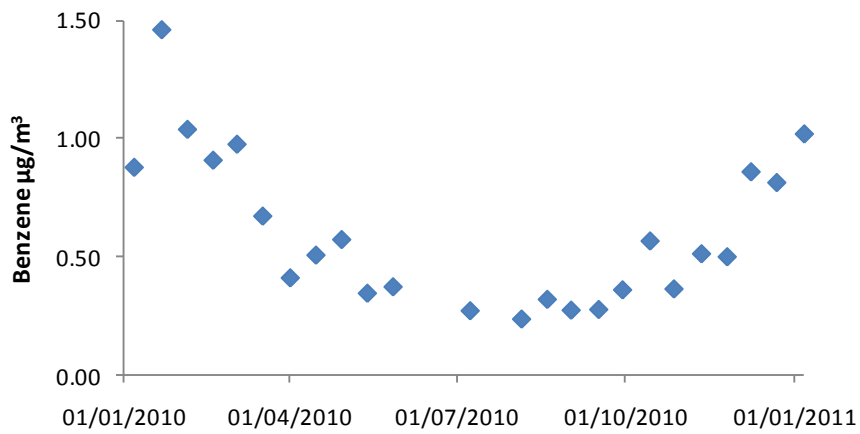
**Figure 46 Norwich Lakenfields Non Automatic Benzene**



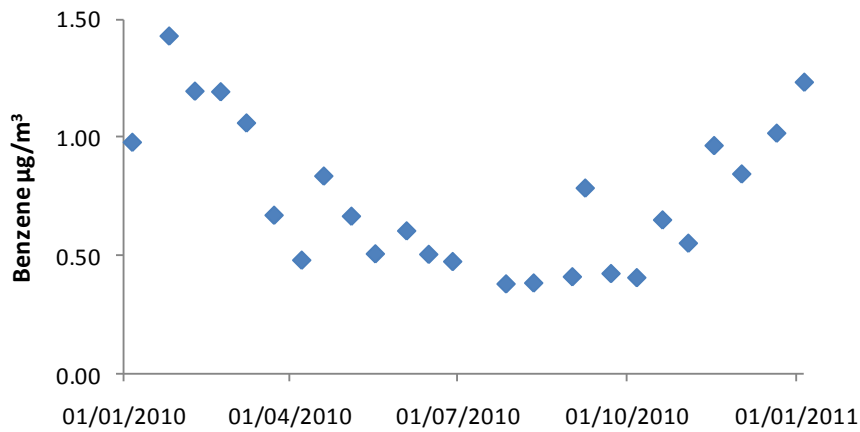
**Figure 47 Nottingham Centre Non Automatic Benzene**



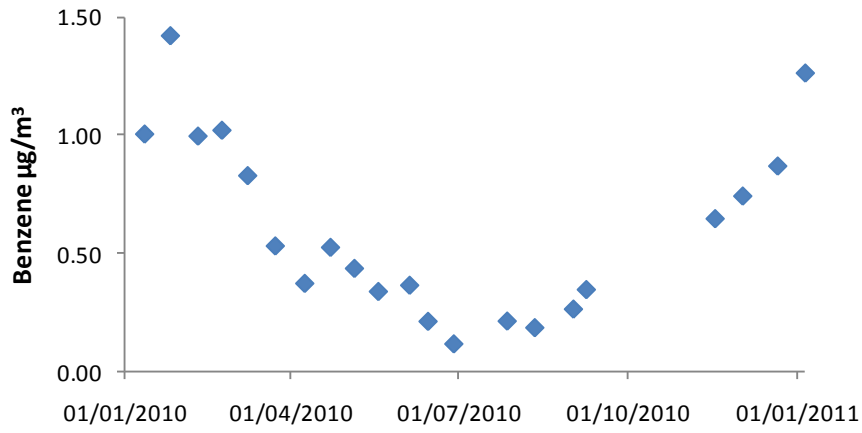
**Figure 48 Northampton Non Automatic Benzene**



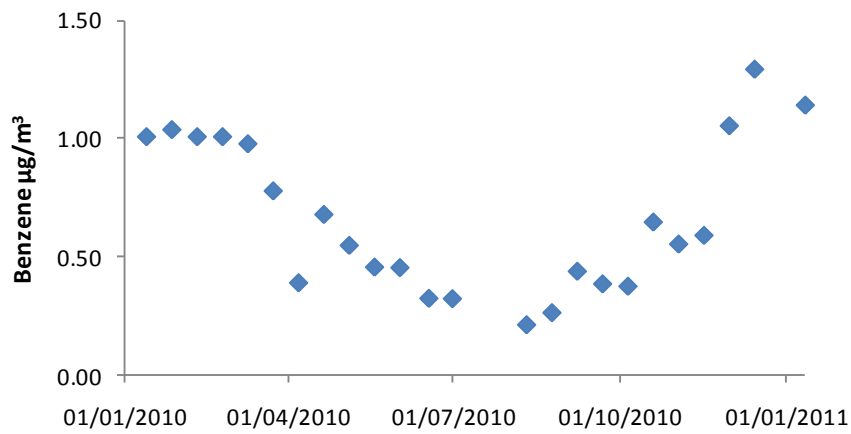
**Figure 49 Oxford Centre Roadside Non Automatic Benzene**



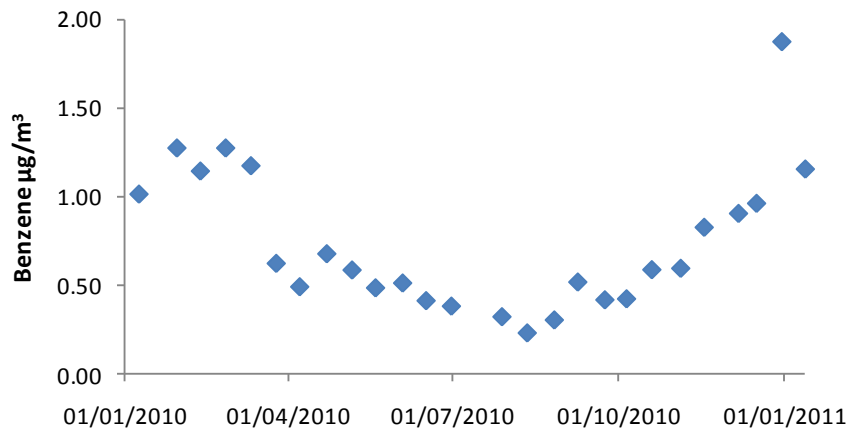
**Figure 50 Oxford St Ebbes Non Automatic Benzene**



**Figure 51 Plymouth Centre Non Automatic Benzene**

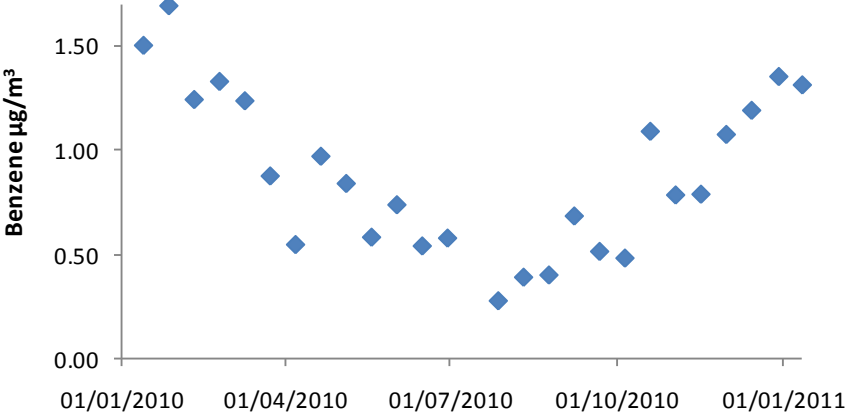


**Figure 52 Sheffield Centre Non Automatic Benzene**

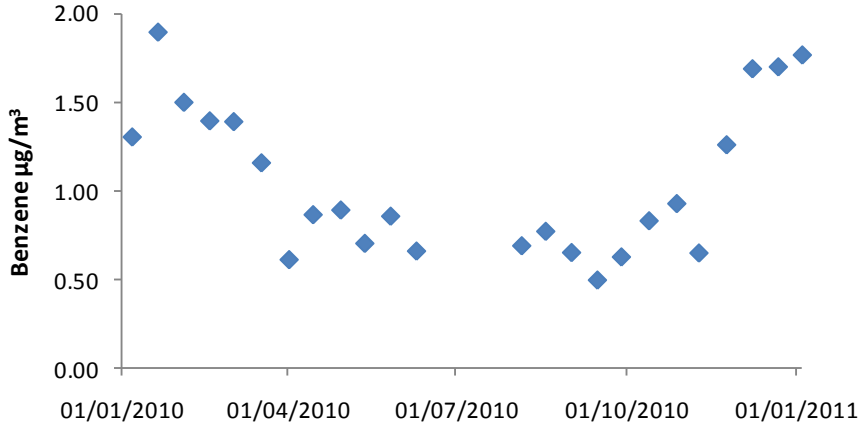




**Figure 53 Southampton Centre Non Automatic Benzene**



**Figure 54 Stoke-on-Trent Centre Non Automatic Benzene**



**Figure 55 Wigan Centre Non Automatic Benzene**

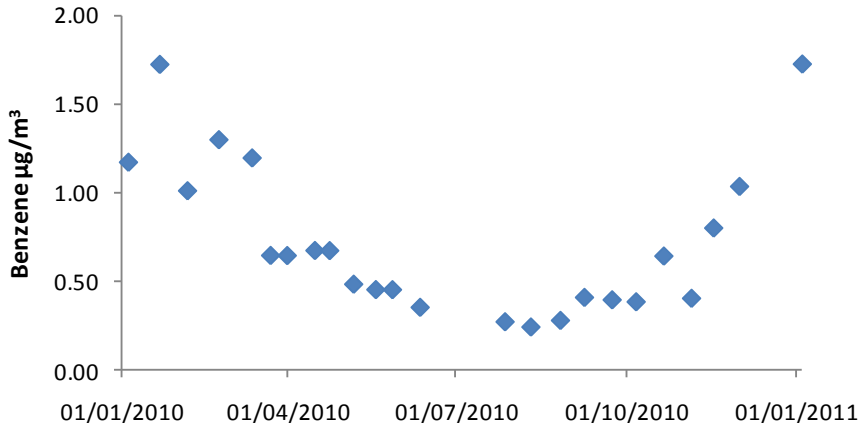
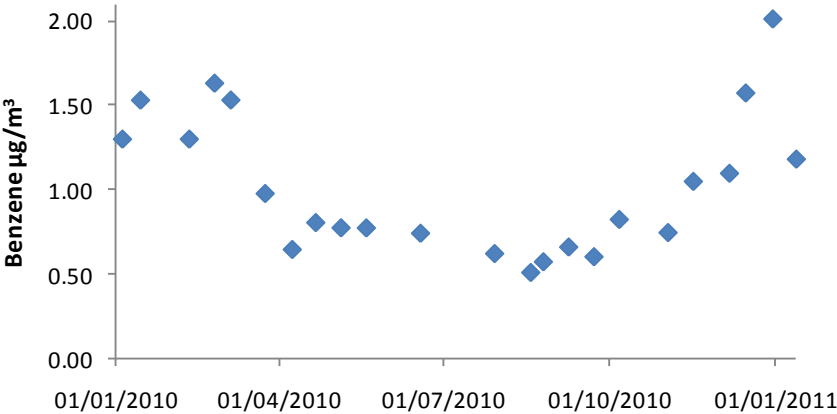


Figure 56 York Fishergate Non Automatic Benzene





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